

We are currently seeking research assistants to help us review data obtained from clinical interviews (on mental illness, stigma, and families) conducted in Mandarin Chinese and translated into English. You will have an opportunity to collaborate with researchers and graduate students on a cross-cultural research project related to schizophrenia in the Chinese immigrant population at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. Hours are flexible (about 5–10 hrs p/week), and you can work from home. This is an unpaid position.

Qualifications:

- 1) Columbia University or Barnard Student
- 2) Interest in Chinese culture and mental health/psychology. Bilingual reading and writing in Mandarin Chinese is a plus, but not required.
- 3) Advanced undergraduate or graduate-level student preferred. If you're a student interested in pursuing an advanced degree in psychology, you will also receive mentorship on applying to graduate school

This is a NIMH sponsored research project on mental health among Chinese immigrants that I am conducting at Bellevue Hospital, entitled "Expressed Emotion and Stigma among Chinese-Americans with Schizophrenia". Research includes interviewing patients and family members at Bellevue and Elmhurst Hospital to examine the family environmental factors and the community reactions towards the patient that shape course of illness.

There will be several main parts of the practicum:

- a) Participating in the weekly lab meetings (1+ hour/ week) where we discuss readings on stigma, family environment, and Chinese culture. This meeting is tentatively scheduled on Fridays at 4:30–6pm.
- b) Participating in the research processing and analysis. I will ask participants to review transcripts of interviews for accuracy, and to also give input regarding how stigma and family interactions differ among these Chinese patients/relatives. We will also try to train participants in some qualitative data analyses so that they will have the opportunity to do some coding of transcripts. Lastly, we will try to involve students in

poster preparations and presentations at psychology conferences (4+ hours/ week)

c) We will try to arrange with Bellevue to have students there 2 hours every 2 or 3 weeks to observe patients on the inpatient unit, depending on the students' schedule. Occasionally, we may also be able to have students observe a diagnostic interview with a patient, so they can learn about symptomatology. If interested, please contact Dr. Lawrence Yang, Columbia School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, at laryang@attglobal.net