



Job Opening: Bilingual Spanish Speaking Research Assistant

The Hastings Center, an independent, non-profit bioethics research institute located in Garrison, New York, seeks a bilingual Spanish speaking research assistant (5-10 hours/week). The research assistant will help with The Hastings Center's [Motivations Study](#), a federally-funded study interviewing community health center patients in the lower Hudson Valley about their views on participating in health research. Responsibilities include participant recruitment, conducting interviews in Spanish, and data maintenance for the Motivations Study.

Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the principal investigators (PIs), the research assistant will recruit and interview Spanish speaking community health center patients about their participation in the *All of Us Research Program*, a federally-funded precision medicine initiative. Duties include tabling outreach at a community health center in Peekskill, NY plus centers in Beacon, NY and/or Poughkeepsie, NY, determining study eligibility, explaining the Motivations Study to eligible participants and obtaining informed consent, conducting audio-recorded qualitative interviews, writing up field note summaries, and reviewing translated interview transcripts for accuracy. Potential for involvement in data analysis, write-up, and presentation, if desired.

Minimum skills and qualifications:

- Fluency in spoken and written Spanish
- Ability to effectively conduct semi-structured interviews in person
- Ability to converse one-on-one comfortably with individuals from different cultural, economic and geographic backgrounds with varying degrees of stress and hardship
- Ability to maintain participant confidentiality in the context of medical/public health research
- Ability to work effectively and productively as part of an academic research team
- Excellent “people skills” – comfort meeting and conversing with new people in a busy health center setting, and ability to establish rapport and trust
- Flexible schedule
- CITI certification to conduct human subjects research or willingness to pursue CITI certification (with financial support from The Hastings Center)
- Must have a SSN and ability to work legally in the United States

Preferred qualifications:

- Experience conducting qualitative interviews
- Experience using qualitative research software (NVivo, Atlas.ti, or similar program)
- Experience working directly with medically underserved communities
- Interest in developing health research skills
- Bilingual Spanish postdoctoral scholars and doctoral or master's students strongly encouraged to apply

The position will begin immediately and last until approximately August 2023.

Pay level will be commensurate with experience and pay structure tailored to the successful applicant. Flexibility to pay an hourly wage (5-10 hours per week) on a monthly basis or to arrange a subcontract agreement (15-20% level of effort). Travel expenses are reimbursable; no additional benefits are provided.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Carolyn Neuhaus (neuhausc@thehastingscenter.org) and Dr. Johanna Crane (cranej1@amc.edu), PIs of the Motivations Study. In your cover letter, please describe your qualifications for the position as well as any particular research or educational goals you may have related to working with our group.