

Project Description

Research opportunity in the field of aging

Date Posted: May 9, 2019

Background:

[Goddard House](#) in Brookline, MA is a not-for-profit assisted living residence with a long history of providing enriching experiences which support purpose, engagement, autonomy, and choice for our assisted living residents and the community at large. Our innovative programs for older adults and persons living with dementia include music therapy, dance movement therapy, farming, fitness, and mindfulness meditation.

Goddard House also creates innovative programs and partnerships in the Greater Boston community that further fulfill our mission. For example, a few years ago we launched a joint program with FriendshipWorks in Jamaica Plain which brings participative arts to six low-income housing sites. We have also just launched a new cross-sector arts-related partnership. With the recent hire of a CEO, we are expanding the scope and reach of such programs.

In order to enhance Goddard House's knowledge base about the field of aging, and to better understand the factors affecting older adults in the greater Boston community, we are interested in conducting an environmental scan and literature review as part of our upcoming strategic planning process.

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We are seeking a graduate student or consultant interested in the field of aging to perform:

- A literature review of emerging themes and trends in the field of aging, including innovative programming and technology designed to empower older adults to thrive
- An environmental scan of recent studies performed in the Boston/Greater Boston area that identified opportunities and threats relative to older adults living in those communities

This position will be responsible for creating a comprehensive inventory of findings and for summarizing data from multiple sources in a clear, concise and professional manner for presentation to Goddard House stakeholders.

Minimum qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree; graduate studies in Gerontology, Public Health, Human Services or related field a plus
- Strong interest in the field of aging
- Demonstrated experience in secondary research
- Demonstrated ability to conduct and synthesize online research from multiple sources and report findings in a clear and concise manner

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- Ability to interact effectively with professionals in the field, Goddard House CEO and board members, as well as work independently
- Strong oral and written skills
- Excellent project management skills; organized with strong attention to detail and deadlines
- Strong computer skills, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel; experience with Google products (Drive, Gmail) a plus

Project Term:

We are looking for someone who could start in May or June 2019. This project is anticipated to last 80-120 hours, with an ideal completion date of June 30, 2019. Compensation will be \$35-\$50/hour depending on experience. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

To Apply:

To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample to: Candace Cramer, CEO, Goddard House ccramer@goddardhouse.org