



CAROLINA
POPULATION CENTER

Summer 2023 Undergraduate Research Internship

Project Name

Bachpan Birth Cohort

Faculty Mentor

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Project Description

The Bachpan Cohort follows a group of roughly 1,000 women and their children from pregnancy through school-age in rural Pakistan. Women who were depressed in pregnancy participated in a trial of a community-based depression intervention. In addition to evaluating the longer-term impacts of the intervention, a central question of the project is to examine the impact of social context factors, such as family composition or socioeconomic status on child socio-emotional developmental trajectories. Related questions focus more specifically on the role of HPA-axis biomarkers, gender norms, and intimate partner violence in the intergenerational transmission of mental health problems.

Scope of Work for Internship

Many opportunities are available including: assisting with communication/dissemination (e.g. website, social media); supporting ongoing statistical analyses and manuscript writing; assisting in preparation of grant proposals; conducting literature searches.

Expected Deliverables

Varies, but examples include: completed website redesign; completed newsletter of findings for stake-holders; analysis completion for a manuscript.

Preferred Skills

Familiarity with working with data in either SAS or STATA, basic statistical skills, good writing skills.