

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH

- Have you been given the diagnosis of schizophrenia by a mental health professional?
- Are you at least 18 years old?
- Have you ***not*** experienced severe symptoms for at least 6 months?

Hello, my name is Nisha Fernandes, I'm an advanced graduate student at the California School of Professional Psychology, San Francisco, and I'm currently seeking volunteers for my research about the experience of self in schizophrenia.

I want to have a deep understanding of schizophrenia and its' process so that I, and other clinicians, may eventually learn how to effectively treat this phenomenon. In order for me to truly understand the experience of self in schizophrenia, I wish to talk with individuals who have gone through this process.

Interested persons will be asked to participate in a brief phone interview to determine if my study is a good fit for you, and if you meet criteria for my study. If you are eligible for my study, you will be invited to 2 confidential, individual interviews of up to 1.5 to 2.0 hours each at a mutually agreed upon location (my school, a park, coffee shop, etc.) Volunteers who share their experience with me, by participating in my study, may find that it helps develop their own understanding of what they went through. It can also feel good to know that you are doing something that may eventually help others who are going through and will go through similar experiences with schizophrenia. Also, as a thank you for participating in my study, I will give you \$50 at the end of the second interview.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions at all about my study, please email me StudyOnSelf@yahoo.com.

Your help is greatly appreciated.