Postdoctoral Fellowship in Behavioral Intervention Research in Child and Family Wellness

The Innovation in Child and Family Wellness (Innovative Wellness) Research Group of Virginia Commonwealth University is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to begin in Summer or Fall 2022. The postdoctoral fellow will join a research team to conduct child- and family-related randomized controlled trials (RCT) including:

- Multi-location trial of early behavioral intervention for underserved groups
- Evaluate the effectiveness of innovative behavioral interventions to enhance child well-being and maternal health
- Design and test implementation strategies to optimize evidence-based programs such as home visiting programs.

This fellowship is designed to prepare a postdoctoral fellow for excellence in behavioral intervention research as well as a leadership position in academic and research institutions. This fellowship program provides an excellent opportunity for emerging scholars to improve their knowledge of behavioral intervention, implementation science, participatory design, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and community-engaged research to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable child and family populations.

The postdoctoral fellow should have experience and substantive knowledge of intervention research and expertise in applying principles of statistical resources and procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of behavioral interventions, experience pertaining to designing and conducting RCT activities, and developing statistical models. The postdoctoral fellowship is for a 12-month period, with the option to renew for an additional year, contingent on performance and funding.

**Required Qualifications:** Applicants must hold a doctoral degree in social work, psychology, nursing, public health, or a related discipline focused on behavioral intervention research. Excellent writing skills required, as evidenced by publications or grant-writing experience. Applicants must have a demonstrated record of conducting empirical research and working in a diverse faculty, staff and student environment. Proficient quantitative data analysis skills including ability to use statistical packages and proficiency in navigating and maintaining databases are required.

**Preferred Qualifications:** The preferred candidate will have previous experience in prevention research areas, including home visiting programs, child abuse prevention, trauma-informed care, health promotion, health equity, and evaluation research. Strong interpersonal, organizational, and time management skills are also preferred.

**Starting Date:** As soon as August 2022

VCU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Candidates from underrepresented groups who meet the requirements noted above are strongly encouraged to apply.
Application review will begin immediately and will continue until positions are filled.

To apply, please submit your application online at
https://vcu.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/1911?c=vcu

Candidates interested in the position should send a curriculum vitae, cover letter including a statement of research experience and interests, one reference letter and a contact information for two references, and a writing sample as an “Other Document.”

For questions about this position, please contact Dr. Sunny Shin (email: sshin@vcu.edu).

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