Postdoctoral Fellowship in Addiction Research

About the Fellowship
Boston University’s School of Social Work's (BUSSW) Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health (CISWH) is seeking a postdoctoral research fellow as part of its new Addictions Initiative, focusing on substance use research, dissemination, and training with a particular emphasis on addressing health disparities. The postdoctoral fellowship is directed by Christopher Salas-Wright, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and CISWH faculty associate; and by Jorge Delva, Dean of the School of Social Work and Director and Paul Farmer Professor of the CISWH.

This 24-month postdoctoral fellowship is designed to provide an outstanding early career scholar with the opportunity to gain hands-on research experience, receive individualized mentorship and training in academic and grants writing, and develop their research portfolio. Specifically, the Addictions Initiative fellow will develop skills in project development by working one day per week as part of federally funded research projects (e.g., NIH, HRSA). The fellow will also dedicate two days per week to scientific writing, data analysis, and co-authoring manuscripts in collaboration with training faculty. Opportunities will be available for individualized training in drug use research focused on prevention and treatment in collaboration with researchers from the Schools of Medicine and Public Health, the Center for Translational Science Institute, and the Boston Medical Center. We expect that the fellow will co-author multiple peer-reviewed manuscripts annually, seek partnership with at least one community organization, and submit a career development award to the National Institutes of Health by the end of their first year at Boston University.

About Us
CISWH is dedicated to expanding the impact of social work in health care and public health in order to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable populations nationally and globally. We seek to improve outcomes, patient experience, and population health; reduce costs; and promote health equity and social justice. We promote social work leadership in health through transdisciplinary, cross-sector collaboration with public health, medicine, health economics, technology, and other relevant disciplines. We accomplish this mission through outcomes-oriented research, community partnerships, policy development, and by providing technical assistance and educational opportunities.

Requirements
A doctoral degree in social work, public health, psychology, or a related field is required. Applicants must have completed their PhD prior to beginning the fellowship. Preferred candidates will have:

- Strong interest and established record in substance use or addictions research.
- Advanced proficiency in quantitative research methods including data management, analysis, and reporting. Experience with methods common in substance use epidemiological research such as logistic regression, finite mixture modeling, and complex sampling designs.
- Effective academic writing and verbal communication skills as evidenced by prior work.
- The ability to work independently and in interdisciplinary teams, and a commitment to addressing health disparities.

To Apply
Earliest start date is September 2019. Please submit the following to inspire@bu.edu:

1. A one to two-page cover letter describing prior training, research interests, and goals
2. A current curriculum vitae
3. Two self-selected writings representative of the applicant’s best work
4. Two references

We believe deeply that the cultural diversity of our faculty, staff, and students is vitally important to the distinction and excellence of our research and academic programs. To that end, we are especially eager to recruit a colleague who supports our institutional commitment to ensuring BUSSW and CISWH are inclusive, equitable, diverse, and a place where all constituents can thrive.