POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Maternal and Child Health Research

POSITION - The Innovation in Child and Family Wellness (Innovative Wellness) Research Group of Virginia Commonwealth University is pleased to announce a postdoctoral fellowship in the areas of Maternal and Child Health (MCH). The postdoctoral fellow will join a research team to take a project coordinator role in exploring the roles of behavioral interventions to enhance child well-being and maternal health. This fellowship is designed to prepare a postdoctoral fellow for excellence in MCH research as well as a leadership position in academic and research institutions. The postdoctoral fellow will work primarily to collect randomized controlled trial (RCT) data, collaborate on empirical papers to submit to leading journals, develop grant proposals, and take an active role in ongoing prevention and early intervention research projects. The postdoctoral fellow should have experience and substantive knowledge of MCH 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. Possession of statistical and database programming expertise to recode and transform data into analytic-ready data files and create variables to accommodate analytic needs is required. 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 MCH research. Excellent writing skills required, as evidenced by publications or grant-writing experience. Applicants must have a demonstrated record of conducting empirical MCH 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 February 2022

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/775?c=vcu

VCU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Candidates from underrepresented groups who meet the requirements noted above are strongly encouraged to apply.
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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