Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Alcohol Use and Addiction
Youth and Social Issues Program, Institute for Social Research
University of Michigan

How to Apply
Interested applicants please submit (1) a letter of interest; (2) personal statement regarding research interests, career goals, and experience; (3) a curriculum vita; (4) a writing sample (examples include, but are not limited to, a manuscript in preparation, a published manuscript, or a chapter from a dissertation); and (5) contact information for two or three references who can supply a letter of recommendation. All materials, plus questions or inquiries, can be sent to hidpostdoc@umich.edu.

Background Information
The Youth and Social Issues (YSI) Program (www.youthandsocialissues.com) in the Survey Research Center (SRC) at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research (ISR) is home to world-renowned social science research focusing on the changing attitudes and behaviors of youth in the United States. YSI’s flagship research study is the Monitoring the Future (MTF) study (www.monitoringthefuture.org), which is an ongoing study of drug use among adolescents and young adults that began in 1975. Each year, nationally representative samples of U.S. 8th-, 10th-, and 12th-grade students are surveyed and a subset of 12th graders are followed into midlife. A study on high-intensity drinking among young adults sampled 12th graders who had used alcohol in the past 30 days formed the basis of a new longitudinal study that includes daily reports of alcohol use, contexts, and consequences for 14 consecutive days in each of four years. For information related to this project, please see https://bit.ly/3xJ3zQ6.

The Institute for Social Research is the largest academic social science research institution in the world. This interdisciplinary community includes researchers from sociology, anthropology, economics, psychology, information and computer science, statistics, geography, public policy, public health, and medicine, among others. SRC is a unique, world-renowned social science research center that conducts investigator-initiated, survey-based research on theoretical and applied problems of both social and scientific importance (see www.src.isr.umich.edu). Scholars have exceptional resources to facilitate research including access to administrative, research, and computer support staff.

Job Summary
The Youth and Social Issues (YSI) Program (www.youthandsocialissues.com) in the Survey Research Center (SRC) at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research (ISR) is seeking a postdoctoral research fellow to work on a study of adolescent and young adult alcohol and other substance use behaviors. The postdoctoral research fellow would work with the project team to study alcohol use and high-intensity drinking among young adults aged 19 to 22. The project examines the day-to-day variability in substance use behaviors, contexts, and consequences. Questions related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were added in 2020 and 2021. For information related to this project (R01 AA023504, PI Megan Patrick), please see https://bit.ly/3xJ3zQ6.

The postdoctoral research fellow would be responsible for developing manuscript ideas, creating analysis plans and performing statistical analyses, authoring and coauthoring
manuscripts, and presenting at national conferences. Support for preparing applications for external funding would be provided.

**Required Qualifications**

- PhD in a related field such as psychology, sociology, epidemiology, or public health
- Strong quantitative analytic skills, particularly with large datasets, multilevel models, and advance statistical modeling
- Demonstrated proficiency with statistical programs such as SAS, Mplus, Stata, or R
- Demonstrated expertise in substance use research
- Ability to work independently as well as part of an interdisciplinary research team
- Excellent verbal and written English communication skills

**Desired Qualifications**

- A publication record utilizing measurement burst, daily, or EMA data on substance use in young adults
- Demonstrated track record of published journal articles and scientific conference presentations
- Commitment to academic diversity, equity, and inclusion

Salary range is $60,000 - $65,000/year plus benefits and travel funds. The appointment will be for two years, with a start date as soon as possible, but no later than September 2021.

**Work Locations**

We are currently working remotely due to the ongoing pandemic. When face-to-face work at the University of Michigan resumes, this position will require being on-site at the University of Michigan offices in Ann Arbor. If relocation is required, we will allow for reasonable time and flexibility to make necessary arrangements.

**Additional Information**

The Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan seeks to recruit and retain a diverse workforce as a reflection of our commitment to serve the diverse people of Michigan, to maintain the excellence of the university, and to ground our research in varied disciplines, perspectives, and ways of knowing and learning.