POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN
LGBTQ REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH DISPARITIES

Job Announcement

We are seeking qualified and highly motivated individuals who would like to complete postdoctoral research fellowships. The research focus is on reproductive health disparities, particularly those that impact lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) communities in terms of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race/ethnicity, and other axes of social inequity.

Fellows will be based in the Department of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. They will work directly with Dr. Brittany Charlton and her team on NIH-funded research, including a new 5-year award that aims to elucidate obstetrical and perinatal health disparities impacting sexual minorities and their offspring. This research leverages data from the Harvard longitudinal cohort studies including the Nurses’ Health Study and Growing Up Today Study. Fellows will also have the opportunity to conduct research using the Department of Population Medicine’s unique data systems and linkages with health systems (e.g., administrative claims data, electronic health records).

Fellows will be responsible for research activities such as developing analysis proposals, conducting data analysis, presenting at scientific meetings, and writing manuscripts. There will also be opportunities to develop new projects including through grant writing. Applicants should have the ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative team. The length of the fellowship will last a minimum of one year and may be renewed thereafter.

The Department, School, and University provide a vibrant, interdisciplinary research environment along with a wealth of resources to build a career. Fellows can take advantage of training, education, and mentorship opportunities at partner institutions including the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Mass General Hospital, Boston Children’s Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Fenway Health. Fellows can also join the Harvard SOGIE Health Equity Research Collaborative.

Fellows receive a competitive salary and benefits package including paid volunteer time off, open time off, and educational reimbursements.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- PhD, ScD, DrPH, or an equivalent doctoral degree in epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, population health, health services research, social and behavioral sciences (e.g., sociology, psychology), or related fields
- Strong background in statistical methods; experience conducting analyses with large databases using R, SAS, or a similar software package

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS
- Knowledge of LGBTQ health disparities and reproductive health
- Track record of, or strong potential for, independent funding

HOW TO APPLY: Send a single PDF with a one-page cover letter describing career goals, research interests, and reasons for applying along with a curriculum vitae, graduate school transcripts, one first-author publication, and contact information for three references to Dr. Brittany Charlton at bcharlton@mail.harvard.edu. Applications are particularly encouraged from members of historically underrepresented groups.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but those submitted by August 1, 2021 will receive earliest consideration.