Two-Year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Community-Based Early Childhood Prevention Research
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The University of Maryland School of Social Work is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to begin no later than September 1, 2018. The fellowship provides an opportunity to join an existing research team conducting basic and intervention research related to risk and protective factors for early parenting and infant/toddler socio-emotional development. The fellow will be provided time, space, and mentoring to develop his/her early career scholarship.

The postdoctoral fellow will work primarily with Dr. Lisa Berlin to analyze data from existing research projects, collaborate on empirical papers, and take an active role in an ongoing prevention research project (Buffering Children from Toxic Stress through Attachment-Based Intervention: An Early Head Start-University Partnership; Administration for Children and Families; Co-PI’s Lisa Berlin and Brenda Jones Harden). The “Partners for Parenting” Project is a community-based randomized trial of Early Head Start services for low-income families with infants and toddlers. The trial examines the effects of home-based Early Head Start with a supplemental parenting intervention, the Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up (“ABC”) program. The postdoctoral fellow’s project-related responsibilities will focus on analysis and writing up of survey, observational, and physiological data from both mothers and their children. The fellow will also assist with the development and application of quantitative coding schemes.

The postdoctoral fellowship is a 12-month, full-time appointment, renewable for a second year. Reappointment for additional years may be possible, depending on the fellow’s performance and the availability of additional funds. Salary is commensurate with NIH guidelines for postdoctoral fellows (see https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-134.html).

See http://medschool.umaryland.edu/postdoc/ for more information on postdoctoral training and benefits at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore, located on 32 acres in downtown Baltimore, is known as the "Campus of the Professions" and comprised of seven professional schools (Social Work, Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, and Graduate). Also located on campus is the University of Maryland Medical Center. The School of Social Work is one of the ten largest schools of Social Work in the country. Currently ranked 17th by U.S. News & World Report, the School has also been ranked 5th in the nation in publication productivity. The postdoctoral fellow will have access to the UMB Office of Postdoctoral Scholars, which provides resources for career development, writing support, funding opportunities, and collaboration.

Requirements:
A doctoral degree in Social Work, Human Development, Psychology, Public Health, Epidemiology, or a related field is required. Applicants must have defended their dissertation prior to beginning the fellowship, and must be within three years of completing their doctorate. Preferred candidates will have:

* Substantive expertise in prevention science, early parenting, and/or infant stress regulation
* Strong computer and quantitative analysis skills including ability to use statistical packages such as SPSS and MPlus
* Excellent empirical writing skills and strong organizational, time management, and interpersonal abilities, including oral/written communication

To Apply:
Please submit the following materials to lberlin@ssw.umaryland.edu:

1. Cover letter describing training, skills, research interests, career aspirations, and how they fit with those of the postdoctoral fellowship
2. Up-to-date CV
3. Three writing samples (preferably at least one first-authored publication)
4. Three letters of reference (can be emailed directly from the referring individual).

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. The University of Maryland, Baltimore is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate. Minorities, women, protected veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.