Postdoctoral Scholar in Gerontology and Geriatric Social Work

College of Health and Human Services
Department: Social Work

Description: This position is focused on investigating social network, health, behavioral health, and social services for older populations in rural areas. This position provides research opportunities to meet project needs and to advance the Scholar’s professional development. This Scholar will work on projects including an examination of technology and social support among low-income older adults living in subsidized senior housing in Northern New England (i.e., New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine).

The Postdoctoral Scholar will primarily work collaboratively with faculty mentor BoRin Kim in Social Work, as well as with a team of multidisciplinary gerontologists from Occupational Therapy, Recreational Management and Policy, Anthropology, and Center for Aging and Community Living at the UNH. The Scholar will assist with project management, coordinating communications across the research sites, maintaining internal analytic procedures and documentation, and preparing project reports. In addition, the Scholar will be involved in data management and analysis, contributing to scientific manuscripts, preparing and delivering presentations at scientific conference. Mentorship will be provided, including networking opportunities within the Aging Special Interest Group within the Society for Social Work Research and the Gerontological Society of America.

Additionally, the Scholar will develop an independent research program with support from their research mentor, Social Work faculty, and UNH professional development programs. The Scholar will also have a teaching opportunity (one course per year), likely in Gerontology or in Human Behavior in the Social Environment.

Qualifications: We welcome diverse applicants who may be underrepresented at the University of New Hampshire. Eligible applicants will have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. in the Social Work; or the Ph.D. in related fields and hold the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree. The successful candidate must evidence interest and commitment to a research career focused on aging and social work. The candidate must be able to work independently as well as contribute to research teams. Extensive methodological skills and expertise in qualitative research and mixed-method studies are highly valued.