Faculty Position at the Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team – Health Equity

The Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team on American Indian and Rural Health Equity (MK-MDT) is recruiting an epidemiologist or equivalent researcher to join our dynamic and growing core of faculty investigators and staff. Applicants’ intellectual perspectives should place high value on social and cultural contexts, social determinants of health, and the interconnected and interacting environmental, behavioral, social, and cultural complexities of chronic health conditions, with specific experience or interest in the linkages between diabetes and dementia. The MK-MDT investigates the synergistic occurrence of diabetes and dementia in Indigenous and rural populations using a social determinants of health lens. MK-MDT faculty investigators work in an interdisciplinary team science research environment.

This is a tenure-track academic appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor prepared for promotion in one to two years, Associate Professor, or Professor to the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus. Rank and salary commensurate with experience. The successful candidate will be appointed as a faculty investigator and physically located with the MK-MDT, with academic home in the Department of Family Medicine and Biobehavioral Health.

**Duties and responsibilities of the position include:** Develop and implement applied research on Indigenous (e.g., American Indian/Alaska Native/First Nations) and rural health disparities in dementia and diabetes, as aligned with the strategic goals of the MK/MDT and the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth campus. In close collaboration with community partners, develop and conduct interdisciplinary dementia and diabetes health disparities research among rural populations, including rural Indigenous, other rural ethnic minority, and rural majority populations of all age groups. Participate in collaborative interdisciplinary team science with MK-MDT faculty, including active contributions to community engagement, workshops, and funding applications. Contribute to teaching and service in the Department of Family Medicine and Biobehavioral Health of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth campus and to the Duluth campus mission in rural and Indigenous health.

**Required qualifications:** PhD in Epidemiology or equivalent. Track record in high impact epidemiological or equivalent research with an emphasis on health equity. Background or interests in, and a willingness to adhere to principles of Indigenous data sovereignty. Knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas: chronic disease, syndemics, multi-causative disease pathways, rural or Indigenous health. History of external funding from NIH or equivalent sources. Strong record of peer reviewed publication in one or more of the following areas: diabetes, dementia, rural, or Indigenous health. Experience with and/or valuing of quantitative, qualitative and mix-method research design. **Preferred qualifications:** Indigenous lived experience, as well as demonstrated experience working with Indigenous peoples, cultures.
and communities. Experience and demonstrated interest in work with interdisciplinary research teams. Experience with or interest in small populations research and small samples analyses. Proven track record of success in NIH grant awards or equivalent in rural and/or Indigenous health. Strong biostatistics knowledge base and the ability to apply epidemiological tools and skills to programs of research that are collaboratively prioritized by the MK-MDT Investigator team. Proven track record in providing epidemiological and analytic expertise to team research efforts through successful team based grant applications, project implementation, and high impact publications. Interest/proficiency in promising and state of the art techniques in small and hidden populations research and in small samples analyses (for example, respondent driven sampling or Bayesian analysis).

The mission of the Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team is to support an environment of Team Science to conduct community-based participatory action research on diabetes and dementia in Native American and rural communities with the aim of achieving health equity. The vision is to advance the boundaries of health equity research to create innovative interventions to support healthy aging in Native American and Rural populations.

**TO APPLY:** Applications must be submitted online at https://humanresources.umn.edu/jobs. Follow the "External Faculty and Staff Applicants" link and search by job posting "326130." To be considered for this position, please click the Apply button and follow the instructions. You will have the opportunity to complete an online application for the position and attach a cover letter and curriculum vitae. Additional documents may be attached after application by accessing your "My Activities" page and uploading documents there. **Completed applications will be evaluated starting November 1, 2018** and will continue until the position is filled. Top candidates will be invited for a seminar/interview as a component of the selection process. Questions concerning the online application process should be directed to Ms. Tracy Kemp at tkemp1@d.umn.edu.

To request an accommodation during the application process, please e-mail employ@umn.edu or call (612) 624-UOHR (8647).

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