Postdoctoral Position Announcement

Employer Name: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Position Location: Bethesda, Maryland

Position Title: Race-Related Stressors and Health Disparities

Position Description: We are seeking two full-time postdoctoral fellows to join the newly established Race-Related Stressors & Health Disparities Research Area. This area of research is housed in the Epidemiology and Genetics Branch of the Division of Intramural Research at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health (NIH). The mission of the research area is to identify the factors contributing to health disparities and develop effective interventions to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations and reduce/eliminate health disparities. Current projects include investigation of the impact of discrimination/racism (e.g. interpersonal, structural) on health (e.g. diabetes, cardiovascular disease) and on COVID-19 inequalities (risk and complications).

Qualifications: Candidates must have earned a doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, ScD) in a public health discipline, social or behavioral science or related field and have no more than five years of relevant research experience since receipt of their most recent doctoral degree. Candidates must have experience or an interest in developing expertise in social determinants of health (e.g. racism, discrimination, segregation), racial and ethnic disparities in health, chronic diseases, and community-based interventions. Strong expertise in quantitative methods and computer programming (e.g., R, SPSS, SAS, STATA) is desired. Prior experience conducting qualitative research or community-based participatory research (CBPR) is a plus.

Responsibilities: Fellows will assist with study design and implementation, data analysis, and publication of study findings. In addition, fellows will work on projects using secondary data. The postdoctoral fellows will develop their own research questions related to health disparities.

Fellows will receive multidisciplinary training and mentorship at NIH. They will also receive support in developing a K-series or similar grant mechanisms during their fellowship. They also can apply for internal funding mechanisms. They will be encouraged to participate in grant writing courses and trainings. Postdoctoral fellows will have the opportunity to participate in journal clubs, in-person speaker series, and webinar series. Travel funds will be available for travel to 2 conferences a year to present their research and to engage in networking activities.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Duration: This is a full-time 2 to 3-year appointment with year-to-year renewal, up to five years, based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

Application Instructions: Applicants should submit: (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a two-page synopsis of their research interests, including a brief description of their career plans related to social determinants of health and to understanding and eliminating/reducing health disparities, and (3) two letters of recommendation. Email applications to Allana
Forde allana.forde@nih.gov and Stephanie.Nisson@nih.gov with subject line: Last name, First name, Postdoc application.

The positions are open immediately. Applications will be accepted and screened on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

Women and racial/ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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