



Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology

Postdoctoral Research Scholar

Under the direction of the Principal Investigators (Drs. Aaron Blashill and Kristen Wells), the Postdoctoral Research Scholar will be primarily involved in a NIH-funded research project on suicide prevention among sexual and gender minority youth. Specifically, this research project focuses on developing and pilot testing a patient navigation program to reduce suicide attempts among at-risk sexual and gender minority youth between the ages of 14 and 29 years.

The Postdoctoral Research Scholar is responsible for but not limited to:

Research Activities:

Serving as Project Director, the Postdoctoral Research Scholar will oversee day-to-day operations of the research project. This individual will report directly to the PIs, and will supervise the full-time research coordinator in general project management, supervising of research assistants, and IRB/NIH documentation, correspondence, and compliance reports. The Scholar will also attend weekly project meetings and work with the Co-Investigators on data management, analysis, and manuscript preparation.

In addition to the role of Project Director, the Scholar will have the opportunity to pursue independent data analysis/manuscripts on multiple existing datasets focused on patient navigation, suicide risk, and sexual orientation/gender identity health disparities, more broadly. The Scholar will also have opportunities for mentorship in career development and grant writing, and will be encouraged to develop their own F, K, or other career development award applications.

The position will be full-time (salaried), with benefits included. The position will be for a minimum of two years, with the possibility of extension for the full length of the grant (5 years).

Other Duties and Responsibilities:

Attend seminars, colloquia, and other regularly scheduled educational activities at San Diego State University, the University of California, San Diego, and other identified locations. Attend weekly project and lab meetings. Participate in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students and research staff.

Education/Qualification and Training:

- Doctoral degree in clinical psychology, epidemiology, public health, social and behavioral sciences, or related fields
- Training and experience in quantitative research methods, research design, and statistical methods

Knowledge and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate effectively (both written and verbal), including communication with staff, faculty, students, and research participants, as well as groups
- Ability to train and supervise staff and students
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships and interact effectively with young adults, coworkers, research teams, and administrative staff
- Knowledge of manuscript writing, grant proposals, and other grant responsibilities such as summary or progress reports
- Ability to prepare conference presentations and make presentations to groups
- Ability to mentor undergraduate and postgraduate students and research staff
- Ability to understand and follow work procedures
- Ability to be well organized, meet deadlines, display detail orientation, and possess good judgment and common sense
- Knowledge of sexual orientation/gender identity health disparities in adolescents and young adults
- Knowledge of suicide risk literature
- Ability to work with vulnerable, marginalized and diverse populations including sexual or gender minority individuals
- Ability to demonstrate a high level of cross-cultural sensitivity

Experience:

- Relevant research experience (e.g., quantitative research methods and analysis, intervention development and evaluation)
- Experience using statistical software programs (e.g., SPSS, Stata, R, Mplus)
- Experience conducting statistical analysis with large databases
- Experience with longitudinal research methods and data analysis
- Experience in leadership, group coordination, or management
- Experience in working with vulnerable, marginalized and diverse populations, including sexual and/or gender minority individuals (preferred)
- Experience in working in an ethnically, culturally, and racially diverse environment (preferred)

Personal characteristics/other requirements:

- Motivated and enthusiastic
- Good attention to detail and high standards of accuracy in all aspects of work
- A high level of cross-cultural sensitivity
- Ability to work independently and within a team, and with a wide range of colleagues

To Apply:

Please email current CV, cover letter describing fit with the position, and research/career goals, and the names/contact information of two professional references, to Dr. Aaron Blashill (PI; ajblashill@sdsu.edu). Applicants will be considered immediately. Start date is flexible, with preference for Summer 2020.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with SDSU Research Foundation.

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