



Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology

Postdoctoral Research Scholar

Under the direction of the Principal Investigator (PI; Aaron Blashill), the Postdoctoral Research Scholar will be primarily involved in a NIH-funded research project on eating disorders and sexual orientation health disparities. Specifically, this research project focuses on testing the efficacy of a group-based, peer co-led, eating disorder prevention program for young sexual minority men.

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 PI, and will supervise research coordinators in IRB and NIH documentation, correspondence, and compliance reports. The Scholar will also work with the Co-Investigators on data management, analysis, and manuscript preparation.

In addition to the role of Project Director, the Scholar will have ample opportunity to pursue independent data analysis/manuscripts on multiple existing datasets focused on eating pathology, body image, and more broadly, sexual orientation health disparities. 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.

Other Opportunities

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

Knowledge and Abilities:

- Knowledge of quantitative research methods and analysis
- Knowledge of statistical analysis software programs
- Knowledge of manuscript writing, grant proposals, and other grant responsibilities such as summary reports and progress reports
- Knowledge of sexual-orientation health disparities in adolescents and young adults
- Knowledge of eating pathology/body image literature
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing to both groups and individuals
- Ability to prepare conference presentations and make presentations to groups
- Ability to mentor students and research staff

- Ability to work with vulnerable and marginalized populations to include minorities and LGBTQ+ individuals
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships and interact effectively with young adults, coworkers, research teams and administrative staff
- Ability to understand and follow posted work rules and procedures
- Ability to be well organized, meet deadlines, display detail orientation and possess good judgment and common sense
- Ability to demonstrate a high level of cross-cultural sensitivity

Experience & Education:

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

Preferred Qualifications and Special Skills:

- Experience conducting statistical analysis with large databases
- Experience with longitudinal research methods and data analysis
- Experience using statistical software programs SPSS, R, and Mplus
- Experience administering clinical interventions

To Apply:

Applicants should email Dr. Aaron Blashill (ajblashill@sdsu.edu) a copy of their c.v., cover letter describing fit with the position, and research/career goals, and the names/contact information of two professional references. Start date is flexible (ideally spring 2021 to summer 2021).

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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