



# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Postdoctoral Research Scholar

[The Body Image, Sexuality, & Health \(BISH\) Lab](#) in the Department of Psychology at San Diego State University will be hiring 1 full-time Postdoctoral Research Scholar (remote work possible; in-person preferred). We strive to make our lab a diverse, open-minded, non-judgmental, sex-positive academic space where folks from all backgrounds are welcome.

The postdoc will primarily be working on the *Pride Body Project* (under the direction of PI: Aaron J. Blashill, PhD, and Project Director: Jaclyn Siegel, PhD). This research project focuses on testing the efficacy of a group-based, peer co-led, eating disorder prevention program for young sexual minority men (e.g., men who are gay, bisexual, or sexually attracted to men). The Scholar will devote up to 20 hours/week as a clinical assessor on the *Pride Body Project* and the remaining 20 hours devoted to independent research. Experience conducting structured clinical interviews for eating disorders specifically, and psychiatric disorders more broadly, is highly desired, but not required. This is a one-year position, with opportunities for extension pending availability of funding. Start date is ASAP.

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

### **Research Activities**

The Scholar will conduct structured clinical assessments with participants within the *Pride Body Project*. The Scholar will also have ample opportunity to pursue independent data analysis/manuscripts on multiple existing datasets focused on eating pathology, body image, and more broadly, sexual orientation and/or gender identity health equity. Additionally, opportunities for mentorship in career development and grant writing 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 and/or gender identity health equity 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, counseling psychology, epidemiology, public health, social and behavioral sciences, or related fields
- Training and experience in quantitative research methods

**Preferred Qualifications and Special Skills:**

- Experience administering structured clinical interviews (particularly for eating disorder symptoms)
- Experience conducting statistical analysis with large databases
- Experience with longitudinal research methods and data analysis
- Experience using statistical software programs SPSS, R, and Mplus

**To Apply:**

Applicants should email Dr. Aaron Blashill ([ajblashill@sdsu.edu](mailto: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. Applicants will be considered immediately. Start date is flexible, but ASAP preferred.

*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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