Post-doctoral Fellowships in Tobacco Use Prevention and Control

We are seeking applications for 3 full-time post-doctoral positions as part of the new FDA-funded Center for Regulatory Research on Tobacco Communication. Two of the positions will be at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center) and one will be at Wake Forest School of Medicine. We are looking for candidates with a doctoral degree in social or behavior science (or related field) with an interest in developing expertise in tobacco control research.

The vision of the Center is to contribute to tobacco control regulatory science by conducting an interrelated series of real world studies among vulnerable populations and across the developmental lifespan to improve communication and messages. Each study will use behavioral science to improve messages about cigarette smoke constituents, emerging tobacco products, and FDA’s regulatory authority over tobacco products (more details below). All 3 positions will involve assisting with the implementation of focus groups, phone and web surveys, and a randomized control trial. Trainees will assist with study design, implementation, data analysis, and interpretation and publication of study findings. In addition to these project-specific activities, postdoctoral trainees will strive to develop their own research questions regarding tobacco control regulatory science and will receive multidisciplinary training and mentorship from senior researchers at the Center.

Postdocs will be able to participate in the Center’s journal club, in-person speaker series, and TCORS webinar series (sharing results with other TCORS sites). They will also be encouraged to participate in grant writing courses and trainings. In addition, travel funds will be available for postdocs to travel to 1-2 conferences a year to present their research.

Qualifications/Education: Qualified individuals must have completed a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree (in social or behavior science or related field) and must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status.

Candidate Instructions: Applicants should submit: (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a two-page single spaced synopsis of their research interest/proposed work (1 inch margins), including a brief description of their career plans related to tobacco use prevention and control, and (3) two letters of recommendation. Please use the specific position links below. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the positions could start between January and August 2014.

UNC-Chapel Hill Post-Doc Position #1 (position is in Chapel Hill or Carrboro, NC)
Under the direction of Dr. Noel Brewer of the Department of Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, the postdoctoral trainee will work on a study to develop effective ways to communicate health risks of harmful cigarette smoke constituents. The study has a focus on vulnerable populations (including African-Americans, youth, and LGBT). Apply at https://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/32779.

UNC-Chapel Hill Post-Doc Position #2 (position is in Chapel Hill or Carrboro, NC)
Under the direction of Dr. Adam Goldstein of the School of Medicine, the postdoctoral trainee will work on a study to help analyze perceptions and credibility of the Food and Drug Administration for delivering tobacco control communication campaigns among youth, young adults, and adults, including among vulnerable populations; to conduct experimental campaigns with eye-tracking technology to determine optimally framed measures of source credibility in communications about tobacco control regulatory science; and assisting with an RCT to evaluate experimental effects of optimally framed source credibility on tobacco use behaviors. Apply at http://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/34271.

Wake Forest School of Medicine Post-Doc Position (position is in Winston-Salem, NC)
Under the direction of Dr. Erin Sutfin of the Department of Social Sciences and Health Policy, Division of Public Health Sciences, the postdoctoral trainee will work on a study to develop and test effective risk communication messages for novel tobacco products, including hookahs, flavored cigars, electronic cigarettes, and dissolvables, which are commonly used by adolescents and young adults. Apply at http://www.wakehealth.edu/Job-Openings/ by searching for job number 4719.

Salary: $50,000 per year plus benefits

Source of funding: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply and self-identify on their application.