

RESEARCH POSTDOCTORAL POSITION AVAILABLE

The University of California San Diego Comprehensive Research Center in Minority Health and Health Disparities (CRCHD) seeks applicants for a 2 year doctoral-level fellowship training in applied research on Mexican American adolescents and their families. The CRCHD is funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) to support: the research of investigators in diverse areas including developmental psychology, family psychology, and adolescent health. The Center's mission is to broaden our understanding of health disparities, particularly as they occur among today's youth.

Components:

Fellows will have the opportunity to learn about community research by engaging in ongoing research with a primary mentor and through fieldwork and observation in schools, clinics, participation in didactic seminars, and through readings.

Core responsibilities and areas of further skill development include:

- Analyzing existing data
- Preparing manuscripts
- Designing and implementing pilot projects
- Identifying and assisting with preparation of NIH grant proposals
- Establishing interdisciplinary collaborations
- Participating in ongoing research meetings as well as clinical and research seminars
- Post Docs will be required to publish at least one manuscript or book chapter each year of the position

Interns will also have opportunities to teach at San Diego State University and/ or UCSD.

Courses offered include:

- Grant writing
- Research Ethics
- Healthcare Executive Leadership
- Politics and Public Policy

Qualifications:

Suitable candidates will have a doctorate in psychology, epidemiology, public health, or a related field, with strong analytical, communication and writing skills, and demonstrated capability in scholarly research. The candidate should also possess skills and experience in the use of various statistical software (SAS/SPSS/SYSTAT) and an understanding of research design. The successful applicant will be highly motivated individuals with a strong interest in health disparities, skills in both quantitative and qualitative research, and a desire to pursue an academic research career. The candidate should also have the ability to work independently as well as part of a research team.

Preferred Experience:

The CRCHD encourages all qualified individuals to apply. Preference will be given to those who are bilingual or bicultural, or who have experience working with disadvantaged and/or underserved populations. Applications from women and under-represented minorities are encouraged. Individuals with activities/prior experience in research with diverse communities, and/or those typically underserved by traditional academic research, are of special interest. The program is also interested in previous or ongoing research which considers issues of culture, race, ethnicity, family and/or gender as they relate to health status and health disparities. Interest and knowledge of sexual and reproductive health issues as they pertain to adolescents and young adults is also desirable.

How to Apply:

Please send the following to Justine Kozo (contact information listed below):

- 1) A two-page Personal Statement addressing the above qualifications, interests, experiences and future goals, particularly highlighting your interest in health disparities
- 2) A Curriculum Vitae
- 3) Two Letters of Recommendation
- 4) A copy of academic transcript
- 5) TOEFL score (where English is a second language)

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Deadlines: Open until filled