

University of California



ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Job Number	11-17P
Job Type	Postdoctoral
Job Area	Institute of Personality and Social Research
Job Notes	<p>Science of Behavior Change: Postdoctoral Position</p> <p>Background The National Institutes of Health (NIH) interest in basic behavior and social science research is premised on the fact that unhealthy behaviors lead to increased mortality and morbidity. By supporting collaborative, interdisciplinary research, NIH hopes to attack a wide array of health-related issues that can be informed by behavioral and social science research. The rationale for this effort is: <input type="checkbox"/> better understanding of the mechanisms underlying behavior change promises substantial improvements in public health as well as savings in healthcare costs. <input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley is extremely well situated to assume a role at the forefront of this effort: we already have a superb corps of faculty, postdoctoral, and graduate student investigators, the necessary laboratory infrastructure, and a number of highly relevant interdisciplinary research centers. This position is for a postdoctoral researcher (or <input type="checkbox"/> research fellow <input type="checkbox"/>) who would be a member of a team working to harness this potential and help the campus prepare for applying for new funding as part of the NIH behavioral change initiative.</p> <p>Description of position This is a one-year 100% time position (salary is approximately \$49,000 plus benefits). The position is funded by the office of the Dean of Letters and Science. There is the potential for a second year's renewal. Funding begins in summer, 2011.</p> <p>Qualifications Applicant must have a doctorate in psychology, expertise in research related to behavioral change, and skills that would be useful across different disciplines (e.g., statistical and other methodological skills). The person should be a <input type="checkbox"/> self-starter <input type="checkbox"/> and able to functioning as a team member in a collaborative setting. Prior experience and/or interest in developing and managing programs in an academic environment is desirable.</p> <p>Duties of position The person in this position will join two other postdoctoral researchers (one from public health and one from economics) to form a team that will work with a faculty advisory group (from psychology, public health, business, and other relevant disciplines) to create the intellectual infrastructure necessary for applying for future NIH grants (e.g., center grants, program project grants, equipment grants, training grants). More specifically, the postdoctoral will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build research relationships with at least two mentors, representing different participating areas/disciplines and conduct a collaborative research project that bridges two or more of these areas/disciplines 2. Co-teach a multidisciplinary graduate seminar on behavioral change that includes relevant faculty as guest speakers 3. Plan a workshop with an intellectual program directed toward behavioral change that includes research presentations by the postdoctorals 4. Create a web presence for the Behavioral Change Initiative, including creating a <input type="checkbox"/> mission

statement for the program, a list of participating faculty, and links to relevant publications and resources.

5. Help in the planning and preparation of grant applications.

To apply

Applications should include the following in a single PDF file:

1. A curriculum vita including contact information (phone and e-mail)
2. A summary of research interests including a section describing how the research relates to behavioral change (2 pages single-spaced)
3. A summary of organizational/administrative/teaching experiences relevant to this program (1 page single-spaced)
4. Two letters of recommendation, applicants please direct referees to review the UC Berkeley Statement of Confidentiality found at: <http://apo.chance.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html>

Applications submitted by e-mail preferred (with the single PDF file as an attachment and the subject line "Application for postdoctoral position in behavior change") to: Elizabeth Peele, Institute of Personality and Social Research, ipsr@berkeley.edu.

Applications must be received by **midnight PST on May 16, 2011.**

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Date**

May 16, 2011