

Are You Interested in Alcohol and Drug Research?

PREDOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

...are available through the School of Public Health,
University of California, Berkeley
and the

Alcohol Research Group,
an NIAAA Research Center associated with the Public Health Institute

Preparing fellows for research, academic, and government positions:



- Fellowships are typically 2 years
- Postdocs receive \$42,000-\$49,128/year + health benefits (supplemental employment is often available)
- Predocs receive \$22,476/year + partial UC tuition & fees
- An annual travel allowance is offered

Please submit your application by January 31, 2015 to be considered for a start date between June 2015 and May 2016.
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WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING?

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) draws experts from diverse fields, such as public health, epidemiology, psychology, and economics, and our research addresses a wide range of topics, from basic epidemiology to treatment and health services research. Our training focuses particularly on health disparities, but we will consider applicants interested in other areas. **Specific examples of ongoing projects include:**

HEALTH DISPARITIES IN ALCOHOL-RELATED PROBLEMS AND SERVICES USE

Recent research shows persistent racial/ethnic disparities in certain alcohol problems and high unmet treatment need among Black and Latina women. Multiple national datasets are being used in several projects to explore how race/ethnicity and socioeconomic factors relate to the development and persistence of alcohol problems, and to understand how these factors relate to alcohol services utilization.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AT THE US-MEXICO BORDER

Violence and drug trafficking in the border region are high. Analyses are ongoing for a large epidemiological study conducted at the US-Mexico border, both in the US and in Mexico, to study alcohol and drug use and problems among Mexican-origin respondents living in this region.

ALCOHOL AND CANNABIS POLICY RESEARCH

Significant changes in both alcohol and cannabis policies have occurred in recent years. Research using the National Alcohol Survey (NAS) is describing trends in cannabis use and relationships between cannabis and alcohol use. A project in the state of Washington is studying ongoing effects of both alcohol and cannabis policy changes, considering cross-substance effects.

EXAMINATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Emerging research suggests strong effects for neighborhoods on health. Analyses of local and national data are being conducted to examine the contributions of neighborhood and other contextual factors to alcohol and drug use, problems, and recovery. Analyses include attention to neighborhood disadvantage, and to racial/ethnic differences, in the etiology of substance use problems.

POPULATION TRENDS AND OTHER TOPICS IN THE NATIONAL ALCOHOL SURVEYS, 1979-2015

Data suggest that alcohol consumption and problems have gone up in the U.S. Analyses of the NAS data are ongoing to describe trends in alcohol consumption; the impact of taxation and other economic factors on consumption; alcohol measurement issues; and alcohol's impact on health and mortality.

CLINICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

The treatment system is continually evolving, as are treatment technologies. Clinical and health services research at ARG is rich and includes the study of sober living houses; mutual help groups; treatment motivation; new treatment technologies; and research on defining recovery, among other topics.

Please view our website at www.arg.org, and training information at www.arg.org/training.

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