The Department of Community and Behavioral Health (CBH) in the University of Iowa’s College of Public Health seeks two tenure-track or tenured faculty members at open rank (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor).

We seek candidates with research interests in a broad number of CBH-related areas but are particularly interested in candidates with expertise and research experience that complement and strengthen current research efforts of the departmental faculty. The Department of Community and Behavioral Health advances teaching, research, and practice in four strategic areas: (1) rural health; (2) community engagement and participatory approaches; (3) theory-based culturally informed intervention development, implementation, and evaluation; and (4) social justice, health equity, and health disparities. Research being conducted in the department includes but is not limited to obesity prevention, cancer prevention and control, global health, health inequities, substance use and addictions, mental health, maternal and child and adolescent health, HIV prevention and treatment, rural health, and aging.

The Department excels in developing, evaluating, and disseminating evidence-based practices including community-level interventions. It is home to the Native Center for Behavioral Health and the Prevention Research Center for Rural Health. The Department is also a collaborating center with the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network. Department faculty and students are also actively involved in the Health Equity Advancement Lab.

Faculty members enjoy strong collaborative relationships with other Departments in the College of Public Health and with colleges across campus, including the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Education, and the Carver College of Medicine. Faculty participate and direct projects in research centers across campus, including the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (link), Public Policy Center (link), Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences (ICTS: link), and the Iowa City VA Health Care System (link). The Department also collaborates with other universities, including a Historically Black College/University.

University of Iowa faculty, staff, and their families enjoy competitive benefits packages, professional and personal growth opportunities available only at a leading university, and a culture that honors responsibilities at work, at home, and in the community. Iowa City (link) is one of the most livable cities in America with a moderate cost of living, nationally ranked public schools and healthcare facilities, numerous recreation and leisure options, and diverse cultural and employment opportunities — see what we are all about here: https://youtu.be/ef3rAkmmZnYI.

Applicants must hold a doctorate in public health or an equivalent professional degree in behavioral science, social science, community health, health promotion and/or health education or other related areas. Evidence of extramural research funding and publications must be commensurate with years of professional experience. We expect our faculty to build an externally funded research program, publish in leading journals, and be committed to advancing health equity and to impacting public and population health. Applicants should show the potential for collaborative research interactions with departmental, collegiate, and university faculty locally or internationally. Candidates are expected to teach undergraduate and core graduate courses offered within the department and the college (link). Evidence of high-quality teaching and successful student mentoring is required for Associate Professor and Professor appointment. Successful candidates will be expected to meet the Department’s metrics for academic productivity in research, service, and teaching and to work closely with other
academic units within the University of Iowa to effectively continue a commitment to collegiality and interdisciplinary collaboration. Candidates should also have demonstrated commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programming; working with diverse faculty, staff and students; and promoting a diverse and inclusive environment. Credentials at the level of Associate Professor or Professor, expertise and research experience that complement and strengthen current research efforts of the departmental faculty and MPH degree are desired qualifications. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience.

The Department of Community and Behavioral Health is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including research, teaching, and service activities. The Department has a well-established working relationship with organizations and communities within Iowa, throughout the U.S., and internationally, including projects in Eastern Europe, South and East Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Research programs of department faculty members engage underrepresented populations, rural populations, immigrant communities, as well as communities living in low and middle-income countries internationally, among others.

The College of Public Health is nationally ranked as among the top 10 publicly supported schools of public health and has a diverse research portfolio. The Department of Community and Behavioral Health is one of five departments in the College of Public Health. The Department has a national reputation for community-based research and practice and for promoting equity and social justice. The Department offers an MPH in community and behavioral health, including an undergrad-to-graduate track, and a PhD in community and behavioral health. Department faculty also support the collegiate undergraduate programs in public health. The Department has 11 faculty and $6 million in research funding. Sources of research funding are diverse, and include federal and state agencies, organizations, and foundation entities. Further information about the Department can be found at: https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/cbh/.

The Department of Community and Behavioral Health is committed to increasing the diversity of our faculty. The University of Iowa is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply and will receive consideration for employment free from discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, religion, associational preference, status as a qualified individual with a disability, or status as a protected veteran. The University also affirms its commitment to providing equal opportunities and equal access to University facilities. Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply for all employment vacancies. For additional information on nondiscrimination policies, contact the Coordinator of Title IX and Section 504, and the ADA in The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, 319/335-0705 (voice) or 319/335-0697 (text), The University of Iowa, 202 Jessup Hall, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1316.

Persons with disabilities may contact University Human Resources/Faculty and Staff Disability Services, 319/335-2660 or fsds@uiowa.edu, to inquire or discuss accommodation needs. Prospective employees may review the University Campus Security Policy and the latest annual crime statistics by contacting the Department of Public Safety at 319/335-5022.

Interested candidates should apply electronically for Requisition #74203 at http://jobs.uiowa.edu/faculty. Applications should include a cover letter outlining interest and relevant experience, curriculum vitae, and three references (to be contacted only with permission). In the cover letter, candidates should address at least one of the four strategic areas of the department, indicating their past experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote wellbeing of populations disproportionately affected by structural and social determinants of health. Inquiries regarding the position can be made to Dr. Sato Ashida,
Chair of the Search Committee, sato-ashida@uiowa.edu. The search committee will continue to screen applicants until the positions are filled.