

POSITION TITLE: Postdoctoral Fellow in Dissemination and Implementation Research and Statewide Program Evaluation

EMPLOYER: Washington State University, Prevention Science PhD Program, Dept. of Human Development

LOCATION: Pullman, WA

JOB DESCRIPTION

The interdisciplinary Prevention Science PhD program at Washington State University (WSU), in collaboration with the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), seek candidates for a three-year postdoctoral research fellowship. The fellowship can begin as early as 8/15/2015. The candidate will work with Dr. Laura Hill, a prevention scientist and chair of WSU's Department of Human Development, who will provide mentored training in research as well as protected time to participate in publishing, grant writing, and other career development opportunities, including teaching if desired. Fellows will have the opportunity to work with an interdisciplinary team of prevention scientists, state behavioral health (substance abuse and mental health) agency administrators and researchers, and community coalitions. The mentored portion of the position will be dedicated to evaluating the effectiveness of a statewide, non-experimental implementation of a community-coalition model for substance abuse prevention, the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI). CPWI coalitions, developed from evidence-based models including Communities that Care and SAMHSA's SPF-SIG framework, are currently operating in 52 communities in Washington with an additional cohort of communities to be added in 2015. The project provides an opportunity to conduct cutting-edge methodological research on the effects of large-scale evidence-based interventions on population health and to work closely with a state agency to use research and program evaluation to inform policy and practice.

The candidate will help to prepare journal articles and will assist in the creation of evaluation reports suitable for researchers, administrators, and community-based stakeholders. The fellowship provides opportunities for first-authored manuscripts and for firsthand experience with multiple stakeholders at the intersection of prevention and implementation science, public policy, and community prevention work. This position requires a PhD or equivalent degree in health behavior, human development, psychology, epidemiology, population health, public health, or a related field. We are seeking a candidate who is motivated, detail-oriented, responsible, and team-oriented, with excellent interpersonal and communication skills and a passion for conducting high-quality real-world research. The candidate must have experience with statistical analysis of large datasets and familiarity with modern longitudinal methods, including multilevel modeling and causal inference for non-experimental program evaluation. The successful candidate will also have substantive knowledge in the development and prevention of youth substance abuse prevention, and an understanding of community coalition models. Experience with SAS is preferred.

The fellowship program is administered by the Prevention Science PhD program and is co-funded with DBHR. The candidate will be located on the main campus of WSU in Pullman, Washington but will travel occasionally to the state capital, Olympia. The fellowship provides a competitive annual salary and health insurance. To be considered, candidates must submit application materials by email, including a letter of application describing interests, qualifications, and relevant experience; a current curriculum vitae; and complete contact information for three professional references. Inquiries can be directed to Dr. Laura Hill: laurahill@wsu.edu.