Call for Applications: Post-doctoral Fellowship (2 years) with the Center for Urban Bioethics at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

The Center for Urban Bioethics (CUB) is committed to eliminating unethical health disparities through education and research. Our interdisciplinary education gives clinicians, researchers, and policy makers the tools to advance health equity. Our community-driven research influences structural change to impact sectors including and beyond medical care. CUB funding comes from a range of sources and scholars have successful track records achieving funding from the federal Dept of Justice, the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the National Institute of Justice, PA Dept of Human Services, private foundations, and other government and non-government sources. Home to the nation’s only MA Urban Bioethics program, CUB has a vibrant educational presence within the LKSOM, TU, and TUHS. Research centers around interventions identified by residents of the North Philadelphia community as barriers to their capacity for health: violence, substance use disorders, food security, and education for children.

CUB is home to ‘Begin the Turn’, a mobile opioid-use intervention, outreach, and treatment program, that employs medication-assisted-treatment and behavior and social needs interventions and is demonstrating success in reducing overdose and death. ‘Farm to Families’ is a prescription program for patients and residents experiencing food insecurity. ‘Philadelphia Healthy and Safe Schools’ is a program that embeds trauma-informed educators into local schools to mitigate the impact of primary and secondary trauma. Our longest-running intervention program is ‘Cure Violence Philadelphia.’ Based on the Chicago Cure Violence model, our program treats violence as a public health issue and employs credible messengers as outreach field workers. Cure Violence has demonstrated success in reducing shootings and homicides by 30% in identified hotspots.

To contribute to the growth of the CUB and assist in furthering our vision of health equity, we are seeking applicants with a PhD in criminal justice, sociology, geography and urban studies or related fields, with a strong methodological foundation in mixed methods and outcomes/evaluation research, focused on violence intervention, to contribute to our Cure Violence research and program evaluation.

The Fellow will be expected to contribute to the CUB’s Cure Violence research agenda, including managing data collection, implementing innovative analyses involving both qualitative and quantitative data, and publishing. Fellows will also be expected to teach 1 violence-related elective in the CUB’s MA Urban Bioethics program and serve as a MA thesis advisor for students working in the area of gun violence intervention. Year 1 goals for the Fellowship include 2-3 submitted manuscripts; in Year 2, Fellows will be expected to continue manuscript submission and will be supported in completing a fully prepared grant application.

Fellows will receive dedicated time for their own CUB program related research and writing with support from CUB research associates and graduate students. Fellows will also receive mentorship from faculty in both CUB and the Department of Criminal Justice, as well as have access to other resources of Temple University’s Graduate School.
Seeking applicants with:

- Knowledge of public health, criminal justice, health, or science to assess the effectiveness of programs and policies
- Strong quantitative analysis skills, with experience with social science software (SPSS, SAS, Stata or R)
- Hands-on experience with research or evaluation design and data collection, preferred
- Excellent oral and written communication skills for face-to-face interaction with clients, coworkers, and stakeholders
- Ability to prioritize tasks and organize information for multiple simultaneous projects, relying on your own resources and initiative

Anticipated Start Date: Sept 1, 2020

Priority consideration given to applications received before April 20; deadline to submit applications is May 8th.

Please submit the following materials:
- CV
- Cover letter, including statement of research interests
- 2-3 letters of recommendation

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