Faculty members at George Washington (GW) University, led by Dr. Y. Tony Yang and Dr. Carla Berg (School of Nursing, Milken Institute School of Public Health, GW Cancer Center), have recently been awarded a NIH (National Cancer Institute) R01 to analyze more than 20-year national data from multiple sources related to tobacco control and health equity.

We aim to recruit a postdoctoral research associate with interests in analyzing massive secondary data and addressing health disparities, chronic disease prevention and control, and substance use issues. This recruitment occurs within the context of the implementation of the university wide diversity and inclusion action plan and the recruitment of faculty with interests advancing public health and health equity in vulnerable populations. The postdoctoral research associate will primarily work with one or a team of faculty, particularly Dr. Y. Tony Yang, endowed Professor of Health Policy. Our research: 1) includes a broad range of methodological approaches (e.g., secondary data analyses, randomized controlled trials, longitudinal studies, qualitative and quantitative research, geospatial analyses, ecological momentary assessments, mHealth); 2) focuses on a broad range of multilevel influences (e.g., policy, media, interpersonal, intrapersonal); and 3) addresses the intersection between chronic diseases and infectious diseases, domestically and globally.

The postdoctoral research associate will have opportunities to design their professional development initiatives, including participating in ongoing studies and new pilot studies, working on team grant writing, leading one’s own grant applications, supervised research experience, manuscript writing (first and co-authored papers), structured didactic seminars, etc.

This position requires Ph.D. in public health or a related field (e.g., sociology, psychology, anthropology, education, statistics). A strong quantitative background in statistics is highly desired. Excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to perform both self-directed and guided research are required. Must demonstrate outstanding personal initiative and the ability to work effectively as part of a team. Ability to meet deadlines and efficiently multitask is a must.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and reviews will start from July 1st, 2023, and continue until positions are filled. Start date is scheduled on January 1st, 2024, but is possible to start earlier. Position comes with employment benefits, including health insurance. Salary is commensurate with federal NRSA stipend levels, and funds are available for conference travel. Applicants must hold a doctoral degree (in a relevant discipline with strong quantitative training, including, but not limited to public health, behavioral sciences, psychology, and sociology) at the time the appointment begins. This is a two-year position (possible to extension). Applicants should send a cover letter stating research interests, past experiences, and a curriculum vitae to Dr. Yang with the subject heading “postdoctoral research associate application.” If further information is needed, or there are specific questions, please contact Dr. Y. Tony Yang at vtyang@gwu.edu. The George Washington University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and actively solicits applications from women and minorities.

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