The past year has magnified the ways that inequities—whether due to race, gender, sexuality, or income—contribute to health disparities. These inequities are a major public health threat and demand a concerted, interdisciplinary effort. At the College of Public Health, we dedicate ourselves to public health in all its parameters, from epidemiology to nursing, from social work to rehabilitation sciences. Social justice has always driven our work: This understanding that individual outcomes are intricately tied to the larger systems we inhabit is the foundation of our college.

Temple University College of Public Health’s interprofessional culture fosters collaboration both within and outside the College. We value differences among our faculty and believe that we can better serve and understand our Philadelphia community through the diversity of our individual faculty and our disciplines. Join us in our mission to develop progressive, compassionate researchers, practitioners, and clinicians to build a better tomorrow, grounded in creating the environments and health infrastructure that will make us the healthiest nation.

THE POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS. Candidates should have an active, externally funded research portfolio and a doctorate in social work, social welfare, public health or a relevant social science discipline. Successful applicants should have national stature in the field of social work, possess a record of research excellence, and be committed to excellence in teaching and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. Individuals should demonstrate interest in working across disciplines to understand and intervene in factors that shape the health of individuals, families and communities with a particular interest in health disparity populations. We seek candidates who have funded research in areas consistent with the values and interests of social work and who have interest in advancing interprofessional practice and transdisciplinary research. We seek individuals with research interests in aging, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, child welfare and interpersonal violence. Research that advances social equity, builds workforces, changes systems, addresses social determinants of health and/or translates findings for practice are highly desired. We value diversity and seek individuals committed to inclusive practices in education.

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. Consisting of exceptional researchers and instructors committed to eliminating social, political and economic injustices for poor and oppressed populations, the School of Social Work’s 23 faculty members serve 800 students in CSWE-accredited BSW and MSW programs. Led by Dr. Phillip McCallion, an international expert in aging, dementia and intellectual disabilities, the school celebrates a culture of collaborative mentoring and strong community engagement. The BSW and MSW programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2023. The School is planning a doctoral program and welcomes candidates with experience in developing a doctoral program.
The School of Social Work has a strong commitment to support students in the workforce and build interdisciplinary educational opportunities. The School recently celebrated the graduation of its first fully online MSW cohort and established an online BSW program for individuals with associate’s degrees. MSW students can also earn a concurrent MPH and JD. A strong Office of Field Education places about 400 students annually; in addition, the School contributes significantly to the College’s Office of Clinical Practice and Field Education, which makes about 3,500 placements annually across the College of Public Health and maintains relationships with 3,000 community agencies.

Faculty in the School of Social Work conduct research on fatherhood, aging, HIV/AIDS, mental health, substance abuse, health services, LGBTG social and health issues, acculturation, interpersonal violence, trauma and poverty. In addition to research, opportunities exist to contribute to writing grants to support student training and education. Social Work faculty also contribute annually to about 40 continuing education classes for 400 participants, supporting the School’s growth in answering career development needs.

The School of Social Work has a robust research portfolio including grants from the Human Resources and Services Administration for advanced clinical education and scholarships for disadvantaged students and from other funders such as the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

THE COLLEGE. Devoted to an interprofessional environment for education, research and practice, the CEPH-accredited College of Public Health consists of academic units in the public health disciplines, health professions, and the School of Social Work, enrolling approximately 4,200 students. The College’s research aims to understand the fundamental factors that affect the health and well-being of individuals and populations by examining health problems through foundational research, policy and practice, and the development and dissemination of evidence-based interventions. We focus on social determinants of health and social justice with strengths in cancer, obesity, HIV, substance abuse, mental illness, mobility research, cognition and language, developmental disabilities, organ transplantation and aging. CPH research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, Gates Foundation, and other major private foundation, state and federal agencies. The College is home to an Office for Community Engaged Research and Practice, the Center for Obesity Research and Education, and the Collaborative on Community Inclusion. The Office of Clinical Affairs and Interprofessional Education leads our clinical activities, including the COVID-19 RapidVax effort and forward-looking IPE within the College and throughout the university. The College is staffed by a robust complement of seasoned professionals including offices of Communications and Marketing, Information Technology, Sponsored Research, and Academic Affairs.

THE UNIVERSITY. Temple is an urban, research-intensive Carnegie R1 university located in historic and culturally rich Philadelphia, the nation’s 6th largest city. The city was ranked 3rd by The New York Times as a world tourist destination. The National Science Foundation ranks Temple among the top 100 universities in the country for research expenditures. Temple is the 6th largest provider of professional education in the nation and includes Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Law and Dentistry as well as research centers.

To apply, submit a detailed CV; a cover letter that includes a description of your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; a one-page research statement; and a list of five references with contact information to cphsearch@temple.edu.

For more information about this position or to make nominations, contact Abbigail Ametrano, assistant director of faculty recruitment, at abbigail.ametrano@temple.edu.

Application review begins immediately.

Temple University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. People of color, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.