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. The School of Social Work (SSW) invites applications for mid-career and senior faculty eligible for tenure on hire. We seek individuals committed to collaborative, interdisciplinary research in social work, public health and other aligned disciplines who address disparities in social determinants of health, improve university engagement with communities, contribute to the evidence base in social work, and advance social justice.

Candidates should have an active, externally-funded research portfolio and an earned doctorate in social work, social welfare or a relevant social science discipline. Individuals should demonstrate interest in working across disciplines to understand and intervene in factors that shape the health and welfare of individuals, families and populations. We are particularly interested in candidates who have funded research in mental health, child welfare, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, and/or health services but are open to other areas of interest. We value diversity and seek individuals committed to inclusive practices in education. Compensation, benefits and start-up are competitive. We welcome cluster hires of senior and early-career researchers along with research staff. COVID-19 vaccinations are required for employment at Temple University unless granted a religious or medical exemption (see www.temple.edu/coronavirus).

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. Dr. Philip McCallion, an international expert in aging, dementia and intellectual disabilities, joined Temple in 2017. Under his direction, the School of Social Work’s 23 faculty serve 800 students in CSWE-accredited BSW and MSW programs. The BSW program focuses on generalist practice, while the MSW program allows students to specialize in a field and method of practice. These programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2023. The School also plans to launch a doctoral program.

There is a strong commitment to supporting students already in the workforce, building interdisciplinary education and expanding educational opportunities. The School has a well-established, fully online MSW program. MSW students can earn a concurrent MPH or JD, and additional joint degrees are in development.
A strong Department of Field Education assists about 400 students annually with field placements. SSW contributes significantly to the College’s Office of Clinical Affairs and Field Education, which makes 3,500 placements annually and maintains relationships with 3,000 community agencies. In the past year, SSW faculty contributed to 40 continuing education opportunities for 400 participants supporting the School’s growth in answering career development needs for social workers. The School also partners with multiple states and cities in advancing the adoption of evidence-based practices and in evaluating cutting-edge initiatives.

The School of Social Work’s impressive research portfolio includes research on aging, HIV/AIDS, mental health, substance abuse, health services, LGBTQ social and health issues, acculturation, interpersonal violence, health promotion and poverty. Collaboration opportunities exist within Temple with the Fox Chase Cancer Center (an NCI comprehensive cancer center), the Center for Obesity Research and Education, Public Health and Rehabilitation Science programs, and other schools and colleges including medicine, law, liberal arts, education and business. School of Social Work faculty have access to the College of Public Health’s excellent pre- and post-award support for sponsored research. There are additional supports and incentives for the development of funded research.

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 explicating your qualifications and experiences with diversity, equity, and inclusion; a one-page research statement; and a list of three to five references 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 and will continue until the position is filled.