

## **College of Public Health**

## Postdoctoral Fellow Specializing in Cancer/Behavioral Epidemiology Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the College of Public Health at Temple University is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to specialize in behavioral and social determinants of cancer prevention and control. This position is affiliated with the Behavioral and Cancer Epidemiology Research Program under the direct supervision of Dr. Resa M. Jones

Candidates should be highly motivated with an interest in publishing first-author and co-author research manuscripts as well as developing a grant proposal(s) with a goal toward becoming a successful independent researcher in cancer prevention and control. The successful candidate will play an active role in interdisciplinary studies in behavioral and cancer epidemiology; prior experience in cancer prevention and control preferred.

**The Department:** The Department of Epidemiology combines curiosity with rigorous, applied methods that lead to compelling questions and impactful results to improve public health. This is an excellent opportunity to join a department experiencing significant growth. Our 17 faculty members conduct research on a wide variety of public health issues, including, but not limited to: behavioral and chronic disease epidemiology, cancer prevention and control, and environmental and occupational exposures related to cancer. Areas of specific research growth in the Department include cancer prevention and control as well as cross-cutting areas such as social epidemiology/ determinants and spatial epidemiology, which are critical to national health challenges.

**The College:** A CEPH-accredited school of public health, the College of Public Health annually enrolls ~4,200 students in 8 undergraduate and 28 graduate degree programs. 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. We have particular strength and emphasis in cancer and related behaviors through Temple University's Fox Chase Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. Our research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, major foundations, and state and federal agencies. Collaborations also include the Center for Obesity Research and Education, Temple University Health System, other health systems, community health centers, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

**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.

**Qualifications include:** 1) a doctoral degree in epidemiology or related field at time of hire; 2) experience working on cancer-related research projects; 3) excellent written communication skills as demonstrated by publications; 4) strong quantitative research methods and statistical analysis skills (SAS); and 5) ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with faculty and students.

The position is open immediately and will be open until filled. Expected fellowship duration is 2 years. The position offers a competitive salary and moving stipend. Preference will be given to candidates who can most effectively engage in research projects that are currently underway.

To apply, submit: 1) CV; 2) a cover letter describing your interest in this position, your qualifications, and your research experience; and 3) contact information for 3 references to <u>resa.jones@temple.edu</u>.

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