

USC Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science for Vulnerable Populations

Post-Doctoral Training Opportunity in Tobacco Regulatory Science Anticipated Start Date: Fall 2016 (Flexible)

The Department of Preventive Medicine at the USC Keck School of Medicine is accepting applications for a **postdoctoral position offering opportunities to investigate adolescent tobacco and alternative tobacco use across multiple longitudinal cohort studies in a joint behavioral health and epidemiology collaboration within the USC Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science (TCORS).**

The fellow will participate in scientific activities including all aspects of design, analysis and manuscript preparation, and development of research proposals. The fellow will work closely with investigators in the USC TCORS, including Drs. Rob McConnell and Adam Leventhal, working with the Southern California Children's Health Study and the Happiness & Health Study, respectively, and the USC TCORS investigative team. Work with these two unique and highly productive population resources will be complemented by analyses in the publicly available dataset from the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) survey, a longitudinal nationally-representative cohort study of more than 40,000 individuals.

The USC TCORS is a dynamic, multi-disciplinary, collaborative center, including faculty, postdoctoral, graduate student and undergraduate scholars interested in tobacco regulatory science. USC TCORS investigators have been at the forefront of study of emerging adolescent tobacco use patterns, with seminal publications by current postdoctoral fellows in JAMA, Pediatrics, and a number of other high impact peer-reviewed journals. Areas of interest of recent fellows have included the study of determinants of tobacco product use and respiratory health effects of e-cigarettes. This is an outstanding opportunity for a postdoctoral researcher interested in pursuing a career in tobacco epidemiology and behavioral health.

The two-year training program has four core elements including coursework, project immersion, strategies for developing research funding, and professional development and mentoring. Drs. Leventhal and McConnell will be the primary mentors to the successful candidate but opportunities exist for work with other investigators. Trainees will also receive individualized mentorship from members of the TCORS advisory groups. A Career Development Program for early investigators features a weekly peer-directed seminar to strengthen the skills and knowledge base needed for career advancement (including developing career directions and priorities, grant writing, making effective presentations, preparing manuscripts, and developing multidisciplinary research teams). The program has established a track record of success in helping junior investigators to obtain faculty positions and a first NIH award. Upon completion of the training, fellows will be well positioned to be leaders and active participants in the future development and implementation of tobacco policies and tobacco control interventions.

Required Qualifications: Applicants must have a doctoral degree, or near completion, in epidemiology, behavioral health, or related field. Applicants must be citizens or noncitizen nationals of the U.S. or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence by the time of award.

Application Deadline: The application deadline is **open until the position is filled. Please contact Dr. Rob McConnell (rmcconne@usc.edu) or Dr. Adam Leventhal (adam.leventhal@usc.edu) as soon as possible if you are interested in this opportunity.**

Applicants should send a letter of interest addressing qualifications, professional activities, research interests and accomplishments. Applicants should also send a current resume or curriculum vitae and 3 references.