Two-Year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Preventive Mental Health Research
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (4/4/16)

The University of Maryland School of Social Work is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to begin no later than September 1, 2016. The fellowship provides an opportunity to join an existing research team conducting basic and clinical research related to risk and protective factors, with a focus on the prevention of psychosis and suicide. The fellow will be provided time, space, and mentoring to develop their early career scholarship.

The postdoctoral fellow will work primarily with Dr. Jordan DeVylder to analyze data from existing research projects, collaborate on empirical papers to submit to leading journals, develop grant proposals, and take an active role in ongoing prevention and early intervention research projects. Current or forthcoming projects include: (1) an initiative to train community social workers to identify signs of psychosis risk; (2) implementation of suicide screens in pediatric emergency rooms in Baltimore city; and (3) an epidemiological survey of risk factors for psychosis and suicide in four U.S. cities. The postdoctoral fellow's specific project-related responsibilities will be developed in consultation with Dr. DeVylder, and may include project management, supervision of data collection, and development of research hypotheses and analytic strategies.

The postdoctoral fellowship is a 24-month, full-time appointment. Reappointment for additional years may be possible, depending on the fellow's performance and the availability of additional funds. Salary is commensurate with NIH guidelines for postdoctoral fellows. Benefits are also provided. See http://medschool.umaryland.edu/postdoc/ for more information on postdoctoral training and benefits at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore, located on 32 acres in downtown Baltimore, is known as the "Campus of the Professions" and is comprised of seven professional schools (Social Work, Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, and Graduate). Also located on campus is the University of Maryland Medical Center. The School of Social Work is one of the ten largest schools of Social Work in the country. Currently ranked 17th by U.S. News & World Report, the School has also been ranked 5th in the nation in publication productivity. School centers and programs include the Ruth H. Young Center for Families and Children, the Institute for Innovation and Implementation, and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center. The postdoctoral fellow will have access to the UMB Office of Postdoctoral Scholars, which provides resources for career development, writing support, funding opportunities, and collaboration. In addition, work by this research team benefits from active local collaborations with the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center and the University of Maryland Baltimore County, as well as the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Requirements:
A doctoral degree in Social Work, Psychology, Public Health, Neuroscience, or a related field is required. Applicants must have defended their dissertation prior to beginning the fellowship, and must be within three years of completing their doctorate. Preferred candidates will have:

- Previous experience in relevant research areas including psychosis and suicide, or more broadly, preventive mental health, health disparities, or biological aspects of mental health.
- Strong organizational, time management, and interpersonal skills, including effective oral/written communication, as evidenced by publications or grant-writing experience.
- Proficient computer and quantitative analysis skills including ability to use statistical packages and proficiency in navigating and maintaining databases. Experience with epidemiological analysis methods preferred, including logistic and linear regression, complex sample analyses, etc.
- Working knowledge of basic biological concepts (neuroscience, genetics, epigenetics) and competence in interpreting their role in the etiology of mental health conditions is preferred.

To Apply:
Please submit the following materials to jdevylder@ssw.umaryland.edu:
1. Cover letter describing training, skills, research interests, and career aspirations
2. Up-to-date CV
3. Three writing samples (preferably at least one first-authored publication)
4. Three letters of reference (can be e-mailed directly from the referring individual)

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is selected.