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Transdisciplinary Graduate Training Fellowships

In Childhood Obesity Prevention

The Pennsylvania State University is now accepting applications for Fall 2012 admission to the graduate program in Childhood Obesity Prevention Transdisciplinary Training (COPT) funded by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.¹ Successful completion of the program will lead to a PhD degree in either Human Development and Family Studies or Nutritional Sciences. Graduate training fellowships paying full tuition and stipends are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents accepted into the program.

The Penn State COPT program integrates social, behavioral and nutritional approaches to the study of childhood obesity prevention. Coursework is required in four core programmatic areas: 1) Nutritional Sciences, 2) Child Development & Family Studies, 3) Prevention and Intervention Research, and 4) Research Methodology and Statistics. Trainees will select dissertation research topics that span these disciplines. All trainee experiences will include an applied internship in one of four career strands: 1) Commerce & Industry, 2) Education & Outreach, 3) Medicine, and 4) Public Policy.

Faculty leadership of the Penn State COPT program is provided by a committee of nationally and internationally recognized faculty, including Drs. Leann Birch, Linda Collins, Mark Greenberg, Gordon Jensen, Susan McHale, Barbara Rolls, and Steve Zarit. Students interested in the Penn State COPT program should apply for graduate admission through the standard Penn State graduate admissions process, indicating either “Nutritional Sciences” or “Human Development and Family Studies” as their program of interest. The personal statement should include a request to be considered for the COPT program with a described interest in pursuing graduate research on childhood obesity prevention. The COPT program requires admission to either the graduate program in Nutritional Sciences or Human Development and Family Studies, as well as selection of a primary faculty mentor appointed in one of these two departments. Links to additional graduate studies information can be found at: <http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/ccor/copt.html>.

The Penn State graduate admissions website is: <http://gradsch.psu.edu/portal/>

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