Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Drug Dependence Epidemiology and Substance Abuse Prevention

The Drug Dependence Epidemiology Training Program (DDET) in the Department of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health invites applications for postdoctoral fellowships.

The Drug Dependence Epidemiology Training Program, funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (PI: Dr. C. Debra Furr-Holden), is designed to develop expert scientists in the field of the epidemiology and consequences of drug and alcohol dependence. A primary goal of research emphasized within the DDET Program is to explicate biological and environmental factors associated with changes in drug taking behavior, variations in problem severity of drug use, and risk and protective factors associated with the consequences of drug taking behavior, including environmental correlates.

Postdoctoral fellows will have the opportunity to work in a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment and be supervised by leading researchers with expertise in structural approaches to prevention and treatment of alcohol and substance use disorders, and biobehavioral research methodology with an emphasis on urban health, co-occurring substance use disorders, and minority populations. We are particularly interested in recruiting a candidate with methodological expertise and familiarity with observational data collection in school settings. The candidate would be involved in the analysis of data from a randomized controlled trial of a high school based preventive intervention to address issues related to school violence, substance use, school safety, and school climate (PI: Catherine Bradshaw).

Applicants must have completed an M.D. or Ph.D. or equivalent degree in psychology, education, statistics, public health, pharmacology, neuroscience, or a related discipline. Applicants should be interested in pursuing a career in substance use and/or prevention research, possess strong quantitative research skills, and be a productive writer. The position is for U.S. citizens. Fellows will receive the standard National Institute of Health stipend, commensurate with the number of years since completion of doctoral training, as well as health insurance and funds for travel to scientific meetings and trainings.

Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Sarah Lindstrom Johnson, PhD, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, 200 North Wolfe Street, Room 2073, (410) 614-3864; slj@jhmi.edu

Start date: Fall 2013 or as soon as the position is filled.
Duration: One year, with the option for a second year contingent on success in the program.