

POSITION TITLE: Full Professor (Obesity Prevention and Control Researcher)
EMPLOYER: University of Connecticut/Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention
LOCATION (City, State): Storrs, CT
WEBSITE: www.chip.uconn.edu

JOB DESCRIPTION



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The Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention (CHIP) at the University of Connecticut, in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), is seeking a faculty member at the Full Professor level. This position offers full academic tenure, with no requirement to fund a particular portion of one's academic year salary through external funding. Nevertheless, candidates for this position should have scholarly expertise and significant external funding in the area of obesity prevention and control in adults and/or children. The successful candidate will receive an appointment in a CLAS department (Communication Sciences, Human Development and Family Studies, or Psychology), as appropriate, depending on the applicant's training, research, teaching interests, and past professional experience. This position has the teaching, research, and service requirements expected in the academic department, and performance will be evaluated predominantly through the home academic department. The candidate will become an affiliate of CHIP, which is a large multidisciplinary research center at UConn-Storrs with a focus on health and health behavior change, and with approximately \$50M in active external grant funding. CHIP will provide this individual with a multitude of research-related opportunities and collaborations, and the potential to bring together and lead the research efforts of current obesity prevention researchers and future hires at the Center and at UConn.

Potential research foci for the position include, but are not limited to, the prevention and/or treatment of obesity, especially in underserved populations; dissemination and implementation of empirically-validated obesity treatment approaches via innovative channels; behavioral management of obesity-related comorbidities through nutrition and physical activity changes; the study of health communications relevant to obesity prevention and management; and maternal and child nutrition.

This faculty hire will contribute to his/her academic department and to CHIP's emerging strength in obesity prevention and control, allowing CHIP investigators to compete for more and larger external grants and ultimately to submit training and center grants in related areas. Several CHIP PIs from multiple departments currently have grant funding in obesity-related areas. Opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration between the new hire and current UConn faculty will be facilitated through CHIP and its Obesity Core Interest Group, a multidisciplinary research group that meets periodically, hosts invited speakers through the CHIP Lecture Series, and has successfully promoted collaborations between investigators at the UConn-Storrs campus, regional campuses, the UConn Health Center, and others. Excellent collaboration possibilities exist between CHIP and many departments on the Storrs campus, as well as the University of Connecticut Health Center, Hartford Hospital, the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and many community partners, including the Hartford Childhood Wellness Alliance.

The expected start date for this position is August 23, 2013.

Minimum Qualifications: The successful candidate for this position must have a doctoral degree in an appropriate field, with an established track record of obtaining external funding in obesity-related fields, currently active external funding, significant publications in his/her research area, statistical and methodological skills, leadership ability, demonstrated ability to work collaboratively to develop new obesity-related initiatives, and experience teaching and advising graduate and undergraduate students. Equivalent foreign degrees are acceptable. While the successful candidate must have a substantial portfolio of grants, there is no requirement that s/he fund his/her salary with his/her grants.

Interested applicants should apply online through Husky Hire, www.jobs.uconn.edu, Search #2013006; upload curriculum vitae and statements of research and teaching interests. Three letters of recommendation are required and should be sent directly to susan.hoge@uconn.edu. Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Applicants are encouraged to submit materials by October 31, 2012. For additional information about CHIP, visit www.chip.uconn.edu; for information about CHIP obesity prevention and control-related research, please visit: <http://www.chip.uconn.edu/research-areas/obesity/>. The University of Connecticut is an EEO/AA employer.