Post-Doctoral Scholar of Biobehavioral Health (Stress, Emotion, Behavior & Health)

The Pennsylvania State University's Department of Biobehavioral Health invites applications for postdoctoral fellows to work with Dr. Joshua Smyth and colleagues. These positions will broadly be working on research related to the dynamic relationships amongst stress, emotion, behavior, and health. (See http://sites.psu.edu/shadelab/ for some additional information.)

Our group has multiple open post-doctoral openings (up to five), and we will work with applicants to find the best fit in terms of research interests, activities, and research mentor(s). Primary responsibilities of the candidate will depend on candidate skills, interests and goals, as well as fit with our research priorities. We have opportunities to work on laboratory-based, field, and/or intervention studies, and have extensive already-collected data available for secondary analysis. Ongoing and completed studies also encompass a wide range of samples (including both healthy and clinical samples, across the lifespan, etc.). Responsibilities will generally include data analyses; preparation of manuscripts and conference presentations; contributing to grant preparation; data collection and/or management; and participation in interdisciplinary research groups. The fellow will have extensive opportunities to publish, access to exceptional resources to facilitate her or his independent research, and will be part of a dynamic group of interdisciplinary scholars.

Qualified individuals will have earned a Ph.D. in biobehavioral health disciplines such as psychology, endocrinology, physiology, epidemiology, and biostatistics, and have demonstrated research excellence and productivity. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise and experience in relevant research domains (stress, emotion, health, etc.), strong statistical skills (especially multi-level modeling and within-person approaches), ambulatory data capture (EMA/ESM, physiological monitoring, mHealth, etc.), and/or intervention studies.

The initial appointment will be for one year; funding is available for yearly reappointment contingent upon satisfactory performance. The position provides salary and benefits based on those for NIH postdoctoral fellows. To be considered, candidates must apply online (https://psu.jobs/job/61935), and upload a letter of application describing interests, qualifications and relevant experience, a current curriculum vita, and complete contact information for three professional references (the letters of professional reference will be requested only for finalists for these positions). (This position is listed under vacancy 61935.)

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. These positions are scheduled to begin no later than August 15, 2016, although flexibility on this date is possible. For more information, please contact Smyth@psu.edu. Please indicate “BBH Postdoc Opportunity” in subject line of all email correspondence.

Employment will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.