Postdoctoral Fellowship in Research on Mental Health in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Departments of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), Department of Neuropsychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI), and the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) seek a postdoctoral fellow for participation and training as part of their research team. The fellow will be located at KKI and JHSPH in Baltimore, Maryland. Teleconferencing with UNH will occur on a weekly basis.

This unique, 2-year inter-institutional fellowship will provide interdisciplinary training in intellectual and developmental disabilities, quantitative analysis, and clinical research methods. It provides an excellent opportunity for social scientists, who are preparing for a research-oriented career, to conduct meaningful research aimed at improving the detection, treatment, and delivery of care for those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The successful candidate’s academic unit will be located in the Department of Mental Health at the JHSPH, where s/he will also be affiliated with the Wendy Klag Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities. The fellow will have the opportunity to attend and participate in weekly seminars, journal clubs, annual symposia and retreats. The fellow’s time will be evenly divided between KKI and UNH, notwithstanding training opportunities at JHSPH. At KKI, the applicant’s effort will be focused on analyzing quantitative data surrounding pediatric neuropsychological assessment. At UNH, the fellow will focus on examining the evaluation and treatment of mental health and behavioral challenges among individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities who are served through START (Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Research, and Treatment), a community-based crisis prevention and intervention program. At UNH and KKI, a large proportion of the fellow’s time will be devoted to conducting quantitative analyses, crafting manuscripts and grants, attending regular group research meetings, and receiving individual mentorship by faculty at all institutions.

The current stipend for first year fellows is commensurate with the standard National Institutes of Health rate ($47,500) and is eligible for benefits. Support for conference travel will be provided. The fellowship may begin any time after January 1, 2018 and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Only one fellowship is available at this time.

Post-doctoral fellows must have completed a Ph.D. in a relevant field (quantitative psychology, health policy, public health, sociology, biostatistics, epidemiology etc.). Applicants must have excellent written and oral communication skills. A strong background knowledge of quantitative methods (e.g., regression methods, latent variable analyses, machine learning, etc.) and statistical programming (e.g., STATA, R, SAS) is also needed. Individuals from historically under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

To apply, please send the following to the attention of the training program Director: Luke Kalb, PhD (lkalb2@jhu.edu): 1) Cover letter, 2) CV, 3) Three contacts for a letter of reference, 4) Copy of graduate transcript, 5) Writing sample, and 6) A personal statement (600 word max).