



David Geffen School of Medicine

Professional Researcher Position

The Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA currently has an opening for a Researcher (junior level) to join the Center for Community Health, Directed by Drs. W. Scott Comulada and Dallas Swendeman. We are looking for an enthusiastic, resourceful, and dedicated researcher to participate in research funded by NIH, foundations, and other sources on the development and testing of multi-level interventions to promote uptake of and adherence to biobehavioral HIV prevention with gender minority youth and sex workers in India. This research involves working both at UCLA and sites in India. The researcher will take a leadership role in all regulatory aspects of the studies, overseeing all aspects related to development and implementation of the interventions proposed, and interpretation of efficacy and implementation data. They will coordinate activities at UCLA with collaborating entities, the Sonagachi Research and Training Institute, Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee, and Ashodaya Samiti, which are community-based organizations implementing India's leading Targeted Intervention programs under India's National AIDS Coordinating Organization. The researcher will also support and co-lead research with sexual and gender minority youth in the United States. Both research areas focus on the intersection of HIV prevention with mental health, stigma, substance use, resilience, empowerment, and technology-based intervention modalities. The researcher will collaborate closely with Dr. Swendeman on all study-related administrative reports, publications, and presentations to ensure quality and validity of reports emerging from this research.

We are looking for researchers experienced in HIV prevention and empowerment interventions with sex workers and gender minority populations in India, and with adolescents and young adults in the United States. The position requires a Ph.D. in a prevention science-related field, such as public health, health psychology, medical anthropology, medical sociology, social medicine or social epidemiology. Experience in HIV prevention research, intervention development, sexual and gender minority and sex worker populations, and the context of HIV prevention in India are required. A background in manuscript writing, data analysis, and funding application development is also required, along with experience working with multi-disciplinary research teams that include community representatives, physicians, nurses, behavioral scientists and research associates.

The salary for this position will be commensurate with experience and consistent with the UCLA Professional Research series salary scales. Interested candidates should submit: i) a cover letter outlining academic interests and diversity activities*, ii) curriculum vitae, bibliography, and iii) the names and contact information of two references (do not send letters) to the application portal at: <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/apply/JPF06824>.

(*Statement of Contributions to Diversity - Please see the following page for more details: <https://equity.ucla.edu/programs-resources/faculty-search-process/faculty-search-committee-resources/sample-guidance/>)

Cultural North Star. The shared values of the DGSOM are expressed in the Cultural North Star, which was developed by members of our community and affirms our unswerving commitment to doing what's right, making things better, and being kind. These are the standards to which we hold ourselves, and one another. Please read more about this important DGSOM program at:

<https://medschool.ucla.edu/cultural-north-star>

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: UC Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Policy.