

## **Bilingual (English/Spanish) Postdoctoral Research Scholar**

A Postdoctoral Research Scholar position is offered in the Department of Psychology at San Diego State University (SDSU), employed through the SDSU Research Foundation. The Postdoctoral Scholar will be mentored by Dr. Jessica McCurley, a clinical health psychologist and faculty in the SDSU/UC San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. Dr. McCurley's research focuses on reducing inequities in mental and physical health conditions for low-income populations, psychosocial and socioeconomic aspects of chronic disease, Hispanic/Latinx health, and health policy approaches to addressing social needs (e.g., food & housing insecurity). The Postdoctoral position will involve participation in a NIH-funded study called "Be Well at Work: Engaging low-wage hospital workers in the design and implementation of a depression and physical activity intervention." This study is a collaboration between SDSU and a local health system, Scripps Health, and aims to reduce depression, increase physical activity, and address social needs among low-wage hospital workers.

### **Responsibilities:**

*The Postdoctoral Research Scholar is responsible for, but not limited to:*

### **Research Activities**

The Postdoctoral Scholar will contribute to ongoing NIH-funded clinical research projects that focus on promoting health equity and reducing cardiometabolic and mental health conditions in low-income populations. Responsibilities include assisting with project management, clinical intervention delivery, IRB/NIH documentation, data analysis, manuscript preparation, grant proposals, and supervision/mentorship of research assistants. The Scholar will lead weekly project meetings and work with study investigators on data management, analysis, and manuscript preparation. The Scholar will have the opportunity to pursue independent data analysis/manuscripts from multiple existing datasets focused on Hispanic/Latinx health, health disparities, migrant/border health, and social needs. The Scholar will also have opportunities for mentorship in career development, research methodology, teaching/mentorship, and grant writing. The Scholar may also take advantage of research seminars and career development opportunities throughout SDSU, UC San Diego, and Scripps Health.

**Individuals from underrepresented backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.** The HIJA lab values engagement of historically underrepresented-in-STEM individuals at all levels of training. Candidates with particular interest in training and mentoring BIPOC and other historically underrepresented students and trainees are very welcome to apply.

### **Other Duties and Responsibilities:**

Attend weekly meetings with the PI and lab. Participate in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students and research staff. Attend training seminars, colloquia, and other regularly scheduled educational activities at SDSU and other collaborating institutions.

### **Education, Experience, and Knowledge/Abilities:**

#### **Minimum education**

- Doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology or related clinical field (e.g., social work).
- 0-5 years of relevant experience

#### **Experience**

- Relevant research experience (e.g., quantitative and qualitative research methods and analysis, intervention development and evaluation, community-based approaches)
- Experience using statistical software programs (e.g., SPSS, R, Mplus, Stata)
- Experience in working with diverse, vulnerable, marginalized populations
- Experience in working with Hispanic/Latinx individuals
- Experience in working in an ethnically, culturally, and racially diverse environment

#### Knowledge and Abilities:

- **Bilingual**; verbal and written fluency in both **English and Spanish**
- Ability to communicate effectively (both written and verbal), including communication with staff, faculty, students, and research participants, as well as groups
- Ability to train and supervise staff and students
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships and interact effectively with young adults, coworkers, research teams, and administrative staff
- Knowledge of manuscript writing, grant proposals, and other grant responsibilities such as summary or progress reports
- Ability to prepare conference presentations and make presentations to groups
- Ability to mentor undergraduate and graduate students and research staff
- Ability to be well organized, meet deadlines, display detail orientation, and possess good judgment and common sense
- Knowledge of Hispanic/Latinx health and health disparities
- Ability to demonstrate a high level of cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity

#### Personal characteristics/other requirements:

- Motivated, enthusiastic, and kind
- Strong attention to detail
- High standards of accuracy in all aspects of work
- A high level of cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Ability to work independently and within a team, and with a wide range of colleagues

#### Salary and Benefits:

The Postdoctoral Scholar will be an employee of the San Diego State Research Foundation. The position will be full time (salaried) for 1 year, with the possibility of extending into a 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The salary range for this position is \$5,546.67 - \$5,677.42 per month depending upon qualifications. Benefits are included.

#### Additional information:

- Candidate must reside in California or live in a commutable distance from SDSU at time of hire (must be local by the start date of the position).
- Job offer is contingent upon satisfactory clearance based on Background Check results (including a criminal record check).
- San Diego State University Research Foundation is an EEO/AA/Disability/Vets Employer

#### To Apply:

Please submit required applicant information through the San Diego State Research Foundation's iCIMS website here: [Postdoctoral Research Scholar](#). Application documents should include (1) a current CV, (2) a cover letter describing your fit with the position, relevant experience, and research/career goals, (3) the names and contact information of 2-3 professional references. Applicants will be considered immediately (beginning Dec. 5, 2023). Start date is flexible during summer or early fall 2024.