

Research Scientist – Center for HOPE



The Center for Health Outcomes and Population Equity (HOPE) at the University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute is accepting applications for a Research Scientist. The Center for HOPE, headed by Dr. David Wetter, conducts community-based and clinical research that focuses on health inequities, behavioral risk factors, cancer screening and vaccination, and use of state of the science mobile health technologies for both assessment and intervention. Special populations of interest include Latinos, American Indians/Alaska Natives, African Americans, LGBTQ+, low socioeconomic status individuals, and rural/frontier. The research scientist will have the opportunity to participate in NIH- and PCORI-funded intervention, mechanism, and dissemination/implementation studies. Treatment approaches include smartphone apps, motivational enhancement therapies, mindfulness meditation, cognitive behavioral interventions, and health care system changes. Assessment approaches include on-body human sensing technologies and ecological momentary assessments. Study designs include Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomized Trials (SMART), Micro-Randomized Trials (MRT), and longitudinal cohorts.

The successful candidate will join an established research team with a large portfolio of federally-funded intervention, mechanism, and dissemination/implementation studies. The Research Scientist is responsible for assisting the Principal Investigator to plan, organize, direct, implement, and manage all aspects of the Center's research and clinical projects. The research scientist will have publication and grant-writing opportunities, and will share in authorship and investigator status in a manner commensurate with their effort and responsibilities. For interested candidates, there are outstanding opportunities for further developing quantitative analysis and statistical expertise via workshops, courses, and with our collaborators across campus. Salary is extremely competitive with excellent fringe benefits.

This is a permanent position with long-term career advancement opportunities.

The University of Utah encompasses both the flagship university and the health sciences campus for the state, competes in the Pac-12 conference, and is the largest institution in the entire Mountain West. Salt Lake City is a diverse and vibrant city with access to world class outdoor recreation and a very affordable cost of living. Salt Lake City is 22% Latino and has the 7th highest proportion of LGBTQ+ residents among U.S. cities.

Qualifications include a doctoral degree in psychology, public health, or other relevant social or population science. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Applicants from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Applicants should submit their application at <https://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/87031>. Applicants should include the following in their application:

- Cover letter describing their research interests in health inequities and their research experience;
- Curriculum Vitae