Health Literacy Post-doctoral Position

Post date: May 1, 2019

Application deadline: The Center will accept applications until the position is filled.

How to apply: Submit applications to Dr. Cynthia Baur, cbaur@umd.edu, with subject line, Post-doc application. Include a cover letter explaining your interest in and fit with the position; how your experience has prepared you; what you can contribute to the Center; and your professional goals, including how the post-doc fits those goals. Also send a complete CV; 2-3 professional recommendations, with at least 1 that speaks to your health research experience; and 1-2 writing samples, which can include journal articles if you were the primary author.

Setting and Responsibilities: The UMD Horowitz Center for Health Literacy is the leading public health research center on health literacy, and we are expanding! The Center has NIH and CDC-funded research projects, and multiple new proposals under development. The Center seeks a post-doctoral fellow to participate in health literacy research development in a variety of areas. Primary responsibilities include helping develop new project ideas, write grant proposals, develop study designs, design data collection instruments, prepare manuscripts, submit IRB applications and other research documents. The fellow may join existing research teams working on priority projects and will also have the opportunity to propose and develop their own health literacy research projects.

The Center’s current priorities focus on disease prevention and health promotion in digital health; environmental health literacy; family literacy and health; and diabetes and related diseases. Although we work on health literacy as it affects all population groups, we have special emphasis on health literacy issues for African-Americans and Spanish-speaking Hispanic/Latinx populations. We are interested in adding a focus on youth/young adults or older adults.

Term and location: The position is full-time for a minimum of 18 months from the start date. Continuation beyond 18 months depends on funding availability. We prefer the selected candidate begin between July 8, 2019 and August 30, 2019. An earlier or later start time may be negotiated, depending on circumstances. The candidate will work onsite in College Park, MD.

Minimum education requirements: Ph.D. in communication, journalism/media studies, information sciences, public health, or health services with a concentration
in health communication or health literacy issues; coursework in both quantitative and qualitative research methods

**Minimum skill/experience requirements:** Prior research experience in health literacy; excellent oral and written communication skills

**Preferred:** Strong interest in digital technologies for health and well-being; experience working in or with a healthcare services organization or public health department; experience using plain language techniques; bi-lingual in English and Spanish

**Title:** Post-Doctoral Associate

**Salary range:** $60,000-$68,000 annually

**Benefits include:** participation in health benefit program, retirement and tuition remission.

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