



The University of Maryland School of Social Work is seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow to begin in Summer 2020 (start date is negotiable between June 1st and August 16th). The fellowship provides an opportunity to advance preventive intervention research, with a particular focus on families with young children facing significant adversity (e.g., chronic poverty; trauma). The Fellow will be provided time, space, and mentoring to develop her/his early career scholarship and skills.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will work primarily with **Dr. Brenda Jones Harden** at the School of Social Work on two evaluation projects: 1) a randomized controlled trial of an evidence-based parenting intervention; and 2) a quasi-experimental evaluation of an Early Head Start – child care partnership. In addition, the Fellow will collaborate with Dr. Jones Harden on research projects on perinatal processes and infant outcomes. The Fellow's project-related responsibilities may include project management, supervision of data collection, data management/analyses, grant writing, and manuscript preparation.

The postdoctoral fellowship is a full-time, 2-year appointment. Salary is commensurate with NIH guidelines for postdoctoral fellows (see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-134.html>). Benefits are also provided. See <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/postdoc/> for more information on postdoctoral training and benefits at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore, located on 32 acres in downtown Baltimore, is known as the "Campus of the Professions" and is comprised of 7 professional schools (Social Work, Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, and Graduate). Also located on campus is the University of Maryland Medical Center. UMSSW is one of the 10 largest schools of Social Work in the country. Currently ranked 17th by U.S. News & World Report, the School has also been ranked 5th in the nation in publication productivity. The Postdoctoral Fellow will have access to the UMB Office of Postdoctoral Scholars, which provides resources for career development, writing support, funding opportunities, and collaboration.

### **Requirements:**

A doctoral degree in Social Work, Psychology, Public Health, Human Development, or a related field is required. Applicants must be within three years of completing their doctoral degree. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who have defended their dissertation prior to beginning the fellowship.

Preferred candidates will also have:

- A clear and demonstrable interest in research with low-income young children and their families, especially those experiencing significant adversity;
- Strong organizational, time management, and interpersonal skills, including effective oral/written communication, and experience with research;
- Core quantitative and qualitative analytical skills;
- Proficient computer knowledge, including use of statistical packages and proficiency in navigating and maintaining databases.

**To Apply:**

Please submit the following materials to Dr. Brenda Jones Harden ([B.Jones-Harden@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:B.Jones-Harden@ssw.umaryland.edu))

1. Cover letter describing training, research skills and interests, and career aspirations;
2. Up-to-date CV;
3. Three writing samples (preferably at least one first-authored publication); and,
4. Three letters of reference (can be e-mailed directly from the referring individual).

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is selected.

***The University of Maryland, Baltimore is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate. Minorities, women, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.***