Post–Doctoral Fellowship in Gerontological Nursing
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About the Fellowship

The University of Washington School of Nursing has a history of developing nursing scientists in the care of older adults. With funding from a private donor, we are pleased to announce a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Gerontological Nursing to start in either Fall 2020 or Winter 2021. The purpose of the post-doctoral position is to prepare individuals for research careers in universities. The post-doctoral fellow will be supported for one year of training with a second year of funding available based on satisfactory progress in the first year.

Dementia impacts more than 47 million people and this number is expected to double every 20 years. Family members provide the majority of the care for individuals with dementia. The levels of stress and depression in family caregivers and the challenges they face are well-documented. People with dementia respond favorably to music and yet the reasons are not clear. **The post-doctoral fellow will join a multidisciplinary and multisite team who is testing an innovative method using cortisol and DHEA-S to measure stress in people with dementia and family caregivers.** As a member of the research team, the post-doctoral fellow will assist with data collection and analysis, write and publish scientific papers, and develop grant proposals. The post-doctoral fellow will also be supported in the development of other academic skills and the publishing of their dissertation.

Program Aims

The post-doctoral fellow will:

- Learn theories, methods, and skills necessary to conduct gerontological research
- Develop research expertise through experiences with interdisciplinary teams, exposure to and immersion in ongoing research activities, and structured feedback and critique
- Receive mentoring in the ethical conduct of research, inclusive of diverse vulnerable populations

Diversity

Diversity is a core value of the UW. We believe the power of diversity enriches all of us by exposing us to a range of ways to understand and engage with the world, identify challenges, and to discover, design and deliver solutions.

Eligibility

- Complete a PhD in Nursing Science degree or related field after 2018 and by the time the position starts
- Be eligible for U.S. employment. Updated due to newly released presidential executive order amendment to Proclamation 10014 issued on June 22, 2020.
- Show evidence of a program of research that supports aging
- Preferred qualifications: Applicant is currently a registered nurse; bilingual in English/Swedish

Application Information

- Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, letters of recommendation, resume, transcript, and 1-2 pieces of sample writing (e.g. articles, grants).
- Three letters of recommendation, submitted directly into Interfolio at the link below. Letters should address the applicants' scholarly abilities, area for growth, and future potential in academia. Letters need to be received by the application deadline.
- Applicant's cover letter should include responses to the following items. Each item has a maximum of 200 words.

1. Explain how your research interests and expertise match with the core project on music, cognitive health, stress, and physiological markers that is the foundation of this fellowship.
2. Describe your 3 and 5 year professional goals.

How to Apply

All application materials are to be addressed to Basia Belza, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of the de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging and submitted via Interfolio: http://apply.interfolio.com/76129

The deadline for receipt of all materials, including recommendation letters, is **Friday, July 24, 2020 at 5pm PST.**

Questions about the position and/or application process can be directed to Ms. Heather Wicklein Sanchez, Manager, de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging, at wicklein@uw.edu.