



VCU School of Social Work

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Research on Social Determinants of Health & Prevention Sciences

[Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work](#) is located in Richmond, the capital of Virginia. Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is a premier urban, R1, public university that has a diverse student body. The university has a wide range of research centers and institutes that facilitate and promote interdisciplinary research. Founded in 1917, the VCU School of Social Work is a highly ranked program offering B.S.W, M.S.W and Ph.D. degrees.

We are pleased to announce a postdoctoral fellowship in the areas of research on social determinants of health and prevention sciences. This postdoctoral fellowship opportunity provides innovative research training in prevention of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and promotion of family self-sufficiency. The postdoctoral fellow will work primarily on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)-funded grant, "Strategic Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences (SPACE) project." The project collaborates with pediatric health partners throughout the state of Virginia to implement and evaluate the impact of an evidence-based intervention to prevent ACEs and improve maternal and child health. This fellowship program emphasizes the training and development of independent research investigators who will assume leadership roles in academic and research institutions focusing on translation and dissemination of new scientific evidence to improve child and family wellness.

There will be considerable opportunities for the postdoctoral scholar to participate in the development and implementation of several research projects, project coordination, recruitment, data collection and analysis, manuscript preparation, and grant writing. The postdoctoral fellowship is for a 12-month period, with the option to renew for additional years, contingent on performance and funding. The fellow will report to [Dr. Sunny Shin](#), Director of the [Innovation in Child and Family Wellness \(Innovative Wellness\) Research Group](#) at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work.

Required Qualifications

- Applicants must hold a doctoral degree in social work, psychology, nursing, public health, or a related discipline focused on behavioral intervention research
- Excellent writing skills required, as evidenced by publications or grant-writing experience
- Applicants must have a demonstrated record of conducting empirical research and working in a diverse faculty, staff and student environment
- Excellent oral communication and community engagement skills
- Proficient quantitative data analysis skills including ability to use statistical packages and proficiency in navigating and maintaining databases are required

Preferred Qualifications

- The preferred candidate will have previous experience in prevention research areas, including child abuse prevention, trauma-informed care, health promotion, health equity, and evaluation research.
- Background or experiences in medical record analysis

Starting Date: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and the position will be filled when a successful candidate is identified.

To apply, **please submit your application online** at

<https://vcu.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/2671?c=vcu>

Candidates interested in the position should send a curriculum vitae, cover letter including a statement of research experience and interests, one reference letter and a contact information for two references, and a writing sample as an "Other Document."

For questions about this position, please contact Dr. Sunny Shin (email: sshin@vcu.edu).

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