



## **POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP in URBAN COMMUNITY STUDIES**

The **Temple University School of Social Work** is excited to announce the availability of a **post-doctoral fellowship** position in the area of **urban community studies**. Eligible candidates should have a doctoral degree in social work, a social science, or a related discipline. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in understanding the dynamics of urban communities, excellent writing and research methods skills coupled with strong training in applied research. Primary responsibility of the post-doctoral fellow will be to work with investigators on current data collection and analysis, as well as the development of future research initiatives. Also included in this fellowship are opportunities for teaching and curricular development in the area of macro (community) social work practice.

The fellowship provides excellent mentored training with an opportunity to work with a dynamic, multi-disciplinary team of investigators. Potential projects include social support networks and civic participation; development of social and environmental capital; engagement and impact of community health workers; HIV/AIDS prevention and retention in care; technology use for engagement with homeless populations; and prison re-entry initiatives. Post-doctoral fellows will build on their own methodological preparation while participating in hands-on trainings in macro research methodologies such as: organizational ethnography, institutional case study methodology, and, dissemination strategies for developing policy-relevant research. The fellowship offers opportunities for authorship, grant writing (NIH, HRSA, SAMHSA), and mentoring to develop a feasible research agenda in order to build the foundation for the postdoctoral fellow to become an independent investigator. This will be achieved through collaborative work with colleagues from other departments in the College of Public Health and the university, as well as with community partners. There is support for conference travel and other training experiences. While most of the fellowship will be dedicated to research efforts, attention also will be given to the development of teaching skills through co-instruction and mentoring in community and/or policy curriculum areas.

The position is up to a 2-year appointment with a flexible start date, competitive salary, excellent resources for career development, and liberal benefits. The School of Social Work, which is situated in the College of Public Health, is committed to “societal transformations to eliminate social, political and economic injustice for poor and oppressed populations and to advancing the quality of life for all through education, research and scholarship, public service and advocacy.” The Center for Social Policy and Community Development, housed in SSW, provides extensive opportunities to connect with local organizations and communities. A number of school and college faculty are actively involved in community-based research, service, and teaching endeavors.

Interested candidates should submit (1) a cover letter describing their research experience and training; (2) their interest in the relevant research area; (3) a curriculum vitae; and (4) a list of three referees to: Cheryl Hyde, Ph.D., Chair – Fellowship Search Committee, School of Social Work, College of Public Health, Temple University. All application material should be sent electronically to Dr. Hyde: [chyde@temple.edu](mailto:chyde@temple.edu).

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