

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Addictions Research
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The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Southern California is seeking a full-time postdoctoral research fellow to execute grant-funded research on substance use and other health-related behavioral and psychosocial domains with veterans and young adults. Ideally, the fellow would work across multiple active NIH grants and research studies with Eric Pedersen, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Digital Health. The projects aim to decrease hazardous substance use behavior, alleviate mental health symptoms, and reduce risks for sexual violence among veterans and young adults through innovative brief online and mobile-based brief interventions. There will be multiple opportunities to collaborate with researchers across the University of Southern California; primarily, with researchers in the Department of Preventive Medicine, the Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, and the Institute for Addiction Science (IAS; ias.usc.edu). The position term is for one to three years. The start date is flexible but should be no later than July of 2020.

Responsibilities include:

- Manage research endeavors, specifically for four NIH-funded research projects:
 - Preventing Alcohol Misuse among Young Adult Veterans through Brief Online Intervention (R01AA026575)
 - Online Intervention to Prevent Risky Behaviors During College Student Study Abroad Experiences (R01AA025909)
 - Mobile Application Intervention Targeting the High-Risk Drinking Practice of Prepartying (R34AA025968)
 - Associations of Exposure to Marijuana Outlets and Advertising with Marijuana Use Outcomes among Young Adults (R21DA047501)
- Coordinate all aspects of project implementation, evaluation/analysis, and dissemination of study findings (opportunities for significant publications)
- Synthesize existing data and generate manuscript proposals. Serve as the lab's main data manager and analyst. Draft comprehensive APA-style results sections, including tables, graphs, and figures
- Be active in grant-writing and design of new studies
- Provide supervision and mentorship for staff and undergraduate research assistants

Qualifications:

- Doctorate or Doctoral candidate in Psychology or other social science-based field preferred. Incumbent will be expected to continue upgrading knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to keep abreast of regulation and policy changes
- Prior experience as a senior-level research associate. Strong familiarity with psychological and theoretical factors related to substance use and other health risk behaviors. Working knowledge of veteran mental health and the young adult developmental stage. Must have a history of scientific peer-reviewed manuscript preparation and successful dissemination
- Demonstrated knowledge and strong fundamental background with basic and advanced statistics
- Demonstrated computer competency and expertise in using statistical software (e.g., STATA, R, SPSS)
- Exemplary communication skills (both written and oral)
- Highly developed organizational and leadership skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively

To apply, please send a cover letter, statement of research interests, two paper reprints that best exemplify the candidate's writing skills, and a curriculum vitae to Dr. Eric Pedersen at Eric.Pedersen@med.usc.edu. Additionally, please arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to Dr. Pedersen if requested.