

Postdoctoral Fellowship at the OSU Center of Excellence in Regulatory Tobacco Science

The Ohio State University Center of Excellence in Regulatory Tobacco Science (OSU-CERTS) invites applications from individuals interested in obtaining postdoctoral research experience in the areas of regulatory policy, behavioral health (psychology, sociology, communications, or economics), molecular epidemiology, biostatistics, and other population science. OSU-CERTS, located in Columbus, Ohio, is one of 14 Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) established by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The 14 Centers conduct research needed to ensure that U.S. tobacco regulatory actions are based on sound and relevant scientific evidence.

The 2 year training program in tobacco regulatory science research will include: , 1) mentored research, 2) development of a grant proposal and 3) an opportunity to gain additional training in the following courses: tobacco regulatory science, epidemiology, community-based participatory research, behavioral science, biostatistics, research ethics, grant writing, and health disparities. In addition, postdoctoral trainees will have the option of focusing their coursework and experiences toward a master's degree. To facilitate transdisciplinary training, trainees will be matched with at least two mentors from different but complementary disciplines.

Postdoctoral trainees will gain research experience by working on OSU-CERTS research projects. Among other topics, our research will explore the impact of advertising and marketing, genetic variation in sensitivity to flavorings and taste, novel biological and physiological markers (including genetic and epigenetic markers), patterns of smokeless tobacco and dual/multi product use, and factors influencing tobacco-related decision-making. OSU-CERTS will assist the FDA by conducting a series of synergistic studies that cover the range of tobacco users from adolescents to adults.

Program Eligibility

We are looking for individuals with a PhD, DrPH, MD, JD, or equivalent. A stipend, tuition, health insurance, research support, and travel to scientific meetings are provided. Prior relevant research and a strong commitment to a research program in tobacco regulatory science are desirable. Applicants will be considered for admission based on the quality of academic doctoral or professional school preparation and the rigor of their research. The OSU-CERTS values diversity and especially encourages applications from individuals from Appalachia, women, and underrepresented ethnic and minority groups.

Applications

Applications are being accepted now and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications should include the following: 1) All graduate or professional school transcripts; 2) A statement of research interests and goals to be accomplished through the training period; 3) Curriculum vitae; and 4) Three letters of recommendation (including one from dissertation advisor or equivalent).

Applications should be sent to:

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More information about OSU-CERTS can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/certs>

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