



The Vermont Center on Behavior and Health (VCBH) invites UVM junior investigators (typically at the rank of assistant professor and yet to receive a R01 Grant) to apply to join our team as a COBRE (Center of Biomedical Research Excellence) Project Director.

VCBH is an interdisciplinary research center that investigates relationships between personal behavior patterns and risk for chronic disease and premature death, particularly among vulnerable populations. Unhealthy behavior(s) (e.g., substance abuse, physical inactivity) account for 40 percent of premature deaths in the U.S. annually, and substantially increased healthcare costs and health disparities. The VCBH approaches these challenges from a behavioral change, economics, and pharmacology conceptual framework through interdisciplinary collaborations.

We support and mentor a maximum of five junior faculty projects at any one time. Each of our five Project Directors (PDs) receive generous research funding, which covers 50 percent of effort for up to three years. PDs also receive mentoring by senior faculty with the overarching goal of having them succeed in obtaining their first NIH independent research grant (specifically an R01).

VCBH supports Project Director training by providing: (a) an Administrative Core that provides scientific leadership and a stimulating intellectual infrastructure a mentoring plan, fiscal management, and strategic planning for fiscal support beyond COBRE funding; (b) a Behavioral Economics and Intervention Sciences Core that supports intervention development and evaluation, econometric modeling of cost effectiveness, and the study of health-related decision making and its neurobiological underpinnings, and (c) a Collaboration, Dissemination, and Education Core to facilitate those key missions.

If your work is aligned with our focus and you are interested in being a Project Director, please send your CV, a one-page letter of intent including career plans and goals, and a 200-word research project abstract to the attention of Nicole.Twohig@uvm.edu **by October 16, 2020**. Visit [our website](#) to learn more about us.

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