

## UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT PREDOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Vermont Center on Behavior and Health (VCBH) located at the University of Vermont (UVM) Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) announces one predoctoral and three postdoctoral research fellowship opportunities funded by NIH in our internationally-recognized center of excellence for substance use disorder research.

Working with **Stephen T. Higgins, PhD**, one postdoctoral fellow will lead research on addictions in vulnerable populations. Working with **Sarah H. Heil, PhD**, one postdoctoral fellow will help to lead research among women with substance use disorders, including work on family planning and post-traumatic stress disorder. Working with **Stacey C. Sigmon, PhD**, one predoctoral and one postdoctoral fellow will help to lead research addressing illicit opioid use and other health behaviors in a variety of adult populations, with a particular focus on rural populations.

Drs. Higgins, Heil, and Sigmon, and our more than 30-year training program have an exceptional track record of helping fellows establish successful careers as independent investigators.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have completed their training in psychology or a related discipline and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Outstanding trainees are selected on the basis of scholastic record, productivity, and commitment to a career in substance use disorder research. Individuals must be highly motivated, possess initiative, and a strong desire to learn and expand their interests and expertise.

**Appointment:** 4-5 years for predoctoral, 2-3 years for postdoctoral

**Benefits:** Stipend and travel funds supported by an NIH Institutional Training Award

**For more information:** Contact Dr. Higgins ([stephen.higgins@uvm.edu](mailto:stephen.higgins@uvm.edu)), Dr. Heil ([sarah.heil@uvm.edu](mailto:sarah.heil@uvm.edu)), or Dr. Sigmon ([stacey.sigmon@uvm.edu](mailto:stacey.sigmon@uvm.edu)).

**To apply for the predoctoral fellowship:** See UVM's Department of Psychological Science page (<https://www.uvm.edu/cas/psychology/phd-program-application-process>). Application deadline is 12/1/23.

**To apply for the postdoctoral fellowships:** Send an application form (available by request from Dr. Heil), cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and three letters of reference to Dr. Heil.

**About us:** VCBH, established in 2013, is an interdisciplinary center of research excellence committed to investigating relationships between personal behavior patterns (i.e., lifestyle) and risk for chronic disease and premature death. Unhealthy or risk behaviors are overrepresented among socioeconomically disadvantaged populations and are major contributors to the problem of health disparities. VCBH's work seeks to develop effective interventions and policies to promote healthy behavior. The VCBH resides within the UVM LCOM Department of Psychiatry, with additional investigators, collaborators, and advisors across 15 LCOM academic departments, seven UVM colleges, and five other universities. The VCBH is further strengthened by interdisciplinary collaborations with key community healthcare leaders and distinguished scientific advisory panels.

Burlington, Vermont is located in the beautiful Lake Champlain region and has continually been voted one of the nicest cities in which to live as well as one of America's most "fit" cities due to the four seasons of outdoor activities. Burlington is a great place for families, boasting excellent schools, a culturally-rich environment, and close proximity to Boston and Montreal.

UVM is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and/or service. Applicants are requested to include in their cover letter information about how they will further this goal.

UVM is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other category legally protected by federal or state law. UVM encourages applications from all individuals who will contribute to the diversity and excellence of the institution. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.