

Post-Doc Fellowship Position Available in Childhood/Adolescent Obesity Research

Youth and Social Issues Program

The Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research is offering a two-year position working on a national study of environmental influences on behaviors associated with overweight among youth. Work would focus on the ongoing national study *Youth, Education, and Society (YES)*, (see www.yesresearch.org), which is part of the *Bridging the Gap* research program sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. YES is now in its 12th year and enjoys continuation funding through at least 2012. The social environments under study are American secondary schools.



Data on policies, practices and programs of relevance are collected from nationally representative samples of about 800 middle and high schools annually. Prevalence and trends in these dimensions are reported on an annual basis. For a subset of schools, the data are related to student outcome data on height, weight, exercise, nutrition, sleep, etc. from the large annual Monitoring the Future surveys of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders (see www.monitoringthefuture.org). The candidate would work with a team of experienced social scientists on analysis, writing, and instrument revision with opportunities for mentoring.

Qualifications include a PhD in a related discipline: psychology, sociology, social psychology, epidemiology, economics, public health, policy, or medicine. Requires a good knowledge of survey methods, quantitative data analysis techniques, and preferably some substantive knowledge of the obesity literature and field. Excellent written communication skills are necessary, as well as an ability to work collaboratively and constructively as a member of a research team. Salary range of \$55,000-60,000/yr.

The Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research is a unique, world-renowned social science research center that conducts investigator initiated, survey-based research on theoretical and applied problems of both social and scientific importance (see <http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/>).

Applicants should submit a letter describing their scholarly activities, any funded research, and their plans and interests. Please include a CV, names of (but not letters from) references, and two recent publications or papers. Applications will be reviewed as they are received until the position is awarded.

Please send all application materials and inquiries electronically to: SRCSearch@isr.umich.edu