

Research Professor Position Available in Childhood/Adolescent Obesity Research

Youth and Social Issues Program



The Survey Research Center within the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan has an opening in the Research Professor ranks for a scholar/scientist with a background in the area of childhood/adolescent obesity, exercise, and eating habits, as well as the policy and other contextual determinants thereof. Appointment at the Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, or Research Professor level with ISR tenure is possible, depending on level of experience and qualifications. This scholar would participate in the leadership of a large, ongoing national study entitled *Youth, Education, and Society (YES)*, which is part of the *Bridging the Gap* research program sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (see www.yesresearch.org). YES is now in its 12th year and enjoys continuation funding.

The social environment under study is primarily 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 policies, practices, and programs are reported on an annual basis. For a subset of schools, the data are related to student outcome data from the annual Monitoring the Future surveys of 8th, 10th, and 12th graders (see www.monitoringthefuture.org). Relevant community and state level data are gathered by a collaborating center at the University of Illinois, Chicago, which represents the other part of the *Bridging the Gap* partnership.

The successful applicant will collaborate with an existing team of social scientists and staff, as well as with colleagues at UIC. Development of original studies is also encouraged.

Disciplinary background could be in any area of relevance: psychology, sociology, social psychology, epidemiology, economics, public health, policy, or medicine. Requires knowledge of survey methods, quantitative data analysis techniques, and 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. Joint appointment with another department, institute, or school may be possible if desired.

The Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan 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 (please see our website: <http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/>).

Applicants must have a doctoral degree. Applicants should submit a letter describing their scholarly activities, funded research programs and plans, and interests in SRC. Please include a CV, names of (but not letters from) references, and one or two recent publications. Salary is highly competitive.

Please send applications, nominations and inquiries electronically to SRCSearch@isr.umich.edu or by mail to Survey Research Center Search Committee, Director's Office, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248. Reference position #35127. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The University of Michigan is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and is responsive to the needs of dual career couples. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Information on the Dual Career Program is available at http://www.provost.umich.edu/programs/dual_career/.