Research Assistant in Malawi Project on Adverse Childhood Experiences

The University of Pennsylvania is inviting applications for a postdoctoral research fellow to work on a 5-year, NIH-funded study in Malawi to examine the role of adverse childhood experiences in shaping divergent HIV risk trajectories during adolescence. This project builds on the Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLFSH). In order to create an adolescent cohort, the project is collecting new rounds of prospective data directly from over 2,000 MLSFH children as they move through adolescence.

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The research assistant will work under the co-supervision of the two Principal Investigators (Hans-Peter Kohler, Penn Sociology and Population Studies Center, and Rachel Kidman, Stony Brook University). Baseline data on adolescents and their caregivers was collected in 2017-2018; follow-up data collection is planned for early to mid 2021.

The research assistant will support the preparation and implementation of the 2021 wave of data collection, including preparation of study instruments (Redcap) and training materials, data management and monitoring in close collaboration with other members of the research team. After data collection, the research assistant will contribute substantially to longitudinal data analyses of the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and HIV risk during adolescence (including related outcomes), and the fellow will work closely with the PIs in the preparation and publication of research manuscripts and presentations.

The initial appointment is until June 30, 2021, and can possibly be extended.

The following application materials are requested:

• CV
• Short statement of research interests

Please send inquiries and application materials by December 15, 2020 to:
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