Open Postdoctoral Position

The University of Pennsylvania and Stony Brook University invite 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, http://www.malawi.pop.upenn.edu). 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. This position will be based at Penn and intermittent travel to Stony Brook may be necessary.

The fellow will work under the co-supervision of the Principle Investigators (Dr. Hans-Peter Kohler at the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Rachel Kidman at Stony Brook University). Baseline data on adolescents and their caregivers was collected in 2017-2018. The fellow will be responsible for linkage of this data to earlier MLSFH waves; will contribute substantially to longitudinal data analyses; and will be expected to prepare research manuscripts and presentations. The fellow is encouraged to develop his/her own research questions within the scope of the project, and may be involved in future grant writing. In addition, the fellow will be involved in all aspects of the 2020 wave of data collection, including preparing sample frame databases; revising IRB applications, and updating tablet-based software for data collection. The position will entail travel to Malawi to oversee fieldwork and liaise with local research teams.

The successful candidate should have recently been awarded their PhD or equivalent in Epidemiology, Demography, Sociology, Psychology, Public Health or a related field; have a scholarly record of publication; and have strong quantitative skills and familiarity with standard statistical packages (Stata preferred). Special consideration will be given to those with prior experience working on the MLSFH; those with experience conducting large scale population surveys in low-income country settings, and those with a scholarly background in childhood adversity and/or adolescent development.

The starting date will be Spring/Summer 2019, depending on the candidate’s availability. The position is for two years, contingent on performance and funding.

The following application materials are requested:

- Curriculum vitae
- 1-2 page statement of interest
- Writing sample
- Please arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent directly from the author to the email address below

Please send application materials by March 15, 2019 to: hpkohler@pop.upenn.edu and Rachel.Kidman@stonybrookmedicine.edu

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