

POSITION: POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW
DEPARTMENT: CARIBBEAN EXPLORATORY (NIMHD) RESEARCH CENTER
SCHOOL: SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY: UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Caribbean Exploratory (NIMHD) Research Center of Excellence (CERC) within the School of Nursing at the University of the Virgin Islands is pleased to announce the availability of one two-year post-doctoral fellowship supported through the Human Services Research Partnerships: Virgin Islands Cooperative Agreement. The anticipated start date is August 17, 2015.

The Post-doctoral Fellow will join a research team engaged in research aimed at better understanding human services programs in the US Virgin Islands; building the research capacity in the US Virgin Islands; helping to identify human services research priorities in the Territory. More specifically, the Post-Doctoral Fellow will be engaged in the use of the Community-Based Participatory Research approach to identifying priority research projects related to the Head Start and Early Head Start programs being delivered in the US Virgin Islands. This engagement will provide opportunities for engagement in field research, data and policy analysis, participate in scholarship, and translate research to practice. The successful candidate will play a major role in an evaluation or research project related to the Head Start programs of USVI. Additionally, the post doc will be heavily involved in designing and implementing the evaluation.

Applicants should hold a doctoral degree in the social sciences, policy, health care, or other related areas and should have prior experience working on research projects, particularly projects that relate broadly to participants of human services programs. Preferred qualifications include training in evaluation research and knowledge of early childhood development and services, experience with community-based participatory research, and experience working with culturally diverse groups.

The Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center of Excellence (CERC or the Center) within the School of Nursing at the University of the Virgin Islands is a leader in the area of health disparities research in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Through a collaborative model, expert researchers from research intensive universities across the nation are linked to CERC to engage in health disparities research and provide consultancy services. The Center accomplishes its activities within the structure of four Cores – Administrative, Research, Research Training/Education, and Community Engagement/Outreach. CERC has planned and hosted seven health disparities institutes, with the eighth planned for October 15-17, 2015. The Center is in its second cycle of a P20 grant, focused on addressing health disparities in the US Virgin Islands.

Interested applicants should apply through the University of the Virgin Islands' *PeopleAdmin* system, which can be accessed through the University's Human Resources link, <http://www.uvi.edu/audience/prospective-employees.aspx>. Review of applications begins May 26, 2015.

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