Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Global Health and Demography

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 (MLSFH). 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.

The fellow will work under the co-supervision of the two Principal 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; follow-up data collection is planned for summer 2020. The fellow will travel to Malawi to help oversee the 2020 wave of data collection and liaise with local research teams. After data collection, the fellow will assist with data management and linkage; 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.

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 2020, depending on the candidate’s availability. The position is for one year initially, and may be extended to 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, 2020 to: hpkohler@pop.upenn.edu and Rachel.Kidman@stonybrookmedicine.edu

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