

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 (MLFSH). In order to create an adolescent cohort, the project is collecting new rounds of prospective data directly from over 2,000 MLFSH 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 early to mid 2021. Since travel to Malawi is likely restricted, the fellow will help implement the 2021 wave of data collection remotely, focusing on training, data management and monitoring in close collaboration with the local research team. After data collection, the fellow 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 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 MLFSH; those with experience conducting large scale population surveys in low-income country settings, and those with a scholarly background in childhood adversity, reproductive health and/or adolescent development.

The starting date will be early 2021, depending on the candidate's availability. The position is for one year initially, and may be extended to the end of the grant (May 2022) contingent on performance and funding. Note: This position was previously announced in early 2020, but project activities had to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 and the position was therefore not filled.

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 **December 15, 2020** to:
hpkohler@pop.upenn.edu and Rachel.Kidman@stonybrookmedicine.edu

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