

CENTER FOR HOPE

HEALTH OUTCOMES & POPULATION EQUITY

The **Center for Health Outcomes and Population Equity (HOPE)** at the University of Utah and Huntsman Cancer Institute, led by Dr. David Wetter, is seeking applicants for multiple **Postdoctoral Scholar** positions.

The Center for HOPE conducts community-engaged clinical, population, and implementation science research that focuses on health inequities, behavioral risk factors, cancer and chronic disease, infectious disease, screening and vaccination, and use of state of the science biomedical informatics and mobile health technologies for both assessment and intervention. Special populations of interest include Latinx, American Indian/Alaska Native, African American, LGBTQ+, low socioeconomic status, and rural/frontier. Scholars will have the opportunity to participate in multiple NIH, PCORI, CDC, and ACS funded intervention, mechanism, and dissemination/implementation studies. Intervention studies include tobacco cessation treatment engagement, HPV vaccination, COVID-19 vaccination and testing, and other screening and health risk behaviors, primarily among patients who receive medical care from community health centers. Treatment approaches being investigated by our team include health information technology at the point of care, smartphone apps, motivational enhancement therapies, and health care system changes. Innovative assessment approaches include on-body human sensing technologies, ecological momentary assessments, and GPS/GIS. Study designs include Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomized Trials (SMART), Micro-Randomized Trials (MRT), and longitudinal cohorts.

The program is designed to prepare Scholars for independent academic research careers. The Center for HOPE provides unusually rich opportunities in community-engaged research, and the successful candidates will join an established research team with a large portfolio of federally-funded intervention, mechanism, and dissemination/implementation studies. They will join an active and engaged cadre of peer scholars. Scholars are responsible for assisting the Principal Investigator to plan, organize, direct, implement, and manage all aspects of the Center's research and clinical projects. Scholars will have publication and grant-writing opportunities, and will share in authorship and investigator status in a manner commensurate with their effort and responsibilities. For interested candidates, there are outstanding opportunities for further developing quantitative analysis and statistical expertise via workshops, courses, and with our collaborators across campus. The mentoring team has an exceptional track record of helping scholars obtain independent funding as principal investigators of NIH funded K, F, and R01 awards. Salary is extremely competitive with excellent fringe benefits.

The University of Utah encompasses both the flagship university and the health sciences campus for the state, competes in the Pac-12 conference, and is the largest research intensive institution in the Mountain West. Salt Lake City is a diverse and vibrant city with access to world class outdoor recreation and an affordable cost of living. Salt Lake City is 35% minority (22% Latinx), has the 7th highest proportion of LGBTQ+ residents among U.S. cities, and almost 1 in 5 residents were born outside the U.S.



It is strongly preferred that candidates have a doctoral degree in public health, behavioral science, or other relevant social or population science. We will begin reviewing applications in October 2021, and highly encourage applications by November 24, 2021, although we will review applications after that date as well.

Applicants from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Postdoctoral Scholar: <https://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/123637>

Applicants should include the following in their application:

1. Cover letter describing their research interests in health inequities and implementation, population, and/or clinical science; research experience; and, experience and commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
2. Curriculum Vitae

Equal Opportunity Employer-Females/Minorities/Veterans/Disabled/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity