



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACISM, SOCIAL JUSTICE & HEALTH

TWO-YEAR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The **Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health (Center)** invites applications for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship to start immediately. Fellows will conduct research on the health effects of racism and other social inequalities. The implications for African Americans, other persons of African descent, and people living in California are of particular concern.

ABOUT THE CENTER

The **Center** (<https://www.racialhealthequity.org/>) is a multidisciplinary unit in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Launched on Indigenous People's Day (formerly Columbus Day) 2017, it is organized based on the principles of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Public Health Critical Race Praxis (PHCRP). We promote health equity through rigorous anti-racism research, innovative teaching, and community engagement.

ABOUT THE POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAM

The 2-year postdoctoral fellowship, which is supported by a grant from the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA, provides funding and mentorship to highly qualified doctoral-level trainees studying the health effects of racial and/or other social inequalities (e.g., nativism). Fellows may elect to bring their own project or work on one of the Center's newest projects. To learn about the newest projects, contact RacismHealthAdmin@ph.ucla.edu (serious inquiries only). To fund their research, fellows may apply for the Center's competitive seed grant awards and will be encouraged to do so.

Each fellow will be expected to:

- Identify and work with a faculty mentor to publish, write grants and deliver presentations
- Conduct an independent research project
- Participate in the Center's racism and health working group
- Participate in other trainings to strengthen expertise in methods, CRT, and/or social justice

Consistent with other competitive postdoctoral opportunities in California, each fellow will receive:

- Salary (approximately \$50,000 per year plus benefits)
- A start-up research budget of \$5,000
- Nominal support for the mentor
- Office space plus standard equipment and supplies (i.e., office space, desk, etc.)

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

Timeline. Applications are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted until the positions are filled. Fellows may begin as early as October 2018.

Qualifications. To be eligible, applicants must have **one** of the following:

- Ph.D. or equivalent degree, *or*
- Other terminal degree (M.D.) plus equivalent research training, *or*
- For students who have not yet obtained the degree, official documentation that includes the date the dissertation was successfully defended

Applicants with backgrounds in quantitative or qualitative research methods, study design, social epidemiology, and related areas are strongly encouraged to apply.

Process and Materials. To apply, email the items below to RacismHealthAdmin@ph.ucla.edu:

1. **Cover letter** (2 pages max) – Summarize your qualifications. Explain how participating in this fellowship fits within your research trajectory and career plans.
2. **NIH biosketch** – Use the appropriate NIH form and format
3. **Two writing samples** (published articles, manuscripts or dissertation chapters) – At least one of the submissions must present research findings.
4. **Research statement** – Describe the research you plan to conduct during the fellowship. Indicate whether you will bring an existing project or work on one of the Center's newest projects
5. **References** – Provide the names of and contact information for three references

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