

**POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH POSITION IN
ADDICTIONS AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

A post-doctoral research position is available in the joint area of addictions and health disparities at the University of Houston. This appointment will be dedicated to a NIH/NIDA R01 research grant entitled, *Stress and Drug Use Vulnerability in the African American Community*. Dr. Ezemenari M. Obasi is the primary investigator on this study and will serve as the post-doctoral research supervisor. This study will enroll 350 African American adults (ages 18-21) in the state of Texas to investigate causal mechanisms of known health disparities in this community. This study will use a prospective longitudinal design consisting of a controlled laboratory induction of acute stress, clinical assessments, geographical information systems, biomarkers, and indicators of sociocultural phenomena across a 2-year period. As project coordinator, this post-doctoral researcher will oversee the recruitment, enrollment, retention, data collection, biomarker assaying, data processing, annual reporting, and Institutional Review Board compliance. This post-doctoral researcher will also work with the PI and Co-Investigators to provide training and direct supervision to undergraduate and graduate research assistants working on this project.

Qualifications:

1. A doctoral degree in any basic or applied social, behavioral, or population science (i.e., Biology, Endocrinology, Epidemiology, Nursing, Preventive Medicine, Psychology, Public Health, or Social Work)
2. Experience working with underserved populations
3. Strong written and oral communication skills

To apply, the following materials should be uploaded online at: <https://jobs.uh.edu/postings/23750>

1. A cover letter describing your (a) research training and experience, (b) research interest in Addictions and Health Disparities, (c) commitment to issues of social justice, (e) career objectives, and (f) degree completion date
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Three letters of recommendation

This full-time position will begin June 1, 2015 (flexible) and the appointment is for one-year with the possibility of renewal. The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Salary will be commensurate with the applicant's qualifications and experience and will include benefits. Please contact Dr. Obasi should you have any follow-up questions.

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