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**University of Houston  
Graduate College of Social Work  
JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

**Job Title:** Post-Doctoral Fellowship

**Employer/Agency:** Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center

SIRC an exploratory center of excellence in minority health and health disparities research funded in part by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). SIRC is a vibrant research center with a well-established research infrastructure and a highly productive set of nationally and internationally known investigators who conduct multi-disciplinary, community-based research on health disparities among populations of the Southwest in the areas of substance use, HIV/AIDS, mental health and obesity. It focuses on culturally-grounded prevention research and culturally responsive and resiliency-focused treatment and services research to better understand how drug use, HIV/AIDS, mental health, and obesity are related to ethnic, gender, developmental, geographic, acculturation and other social identity variables. SIRC includes experts from nine ASU disciplines, other U.S. universities and over 20 local community and global research partners.

**Job Description:** Applications are invited for a post-doctoral fellowship beginning Fall, 2012, with the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC). Depending on performance, the fellowship may be had for up to 2 years. The goal of the fellowship is to enhance the research skills of the next generation of health disparities scholars.

Training Opportunities: Ample opportunities exist for training in culturally competent intervention research, cultural adaptation, advanced research and statistical methods, collaboration with community agencies, publishing and presenting research findings, and research proposal development. The fellow will utilize

an existing longitudinal dataset with information on youth substance use, acculturation, cultural identity, parenting, and related variables. The dataset includes 873 youth and 468 Mexican American parents who were surveyed three times. The fellow will be assigned substantive and methodological mentors. The fellow will be also exposed to other center-based research activities based on interest and need.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum Qualifications: All candidates must have an earned doctorate within the past five years in social work, sociology, psychology, public health, nursing or a related field; a strong interest in and commitment to pursuing health disparities research focused on substance use, HIV/AIDS mental health, and/or obesity; an interest in intervention research, a publication record commensurate with stage of career development, and a research agenda that has the potential for external funding.

Desirable characteristics: Familiarity with ethnic cultures of the Southwest, an interest in theory and research methods development related to health disparities research, experience conducting health disparities research, bilingual in English and Spanish or English and an American Indian language.

**Salary/Hours:**

Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

**Application Method:**

Applications will be reviewed beginning July 1st, 2012. Candidates must submit a letter of interest, CV, names and addresses of three professional references, a statement of research agenda, and two samples of written/published material to:

Ms. Gwen Johnson,  
Business Operations Manager  
Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC)  
School of Social Work – College of Public Programs  
411 N. Central Avenue, Suite 720, MC 4320,  
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**Opening Date:**

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

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