

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

Florida International University (FIU) is recruiting **three, full-time, Post-doctoral Research Associates** for two-year appointments as part of its recently awarded **NIDA T32 Training Grant**. The positions will be housed in the **Center for Children and Families (CCF)**, (<http://ccf.fiu.edu>), the **Robert Stempel College of Public Health & School of Social Work** (<https://stempel.fiu.edu>) and the **Center for Research on U.S. Latino HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse (CRUSADA)**: <http://www.crusada.fiu.edu/>.

The T32 training program prepares pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows to become leaders in interdisciplinary research that focuses on the overlap between child and adolescent mental health and substance use and risk thereof, across a variety of methods and fields, including prevention, treatment, neurobiology, neuropsychology, and mental health co-morbidity. The two-year fellowship is delivered through individually developed programs of coursework, seminars and research apprenticeships and based on three (3) overlapping research tracks:

1. Developmental psychopathology and child/adolescent risk factors for substance use;
2. Prevention and intervention for adolescent substance use disorders; and
3. Dissemination, implementation, and health services practice.

Additionally, the training program is committed to accelerating the time to independence for postdocs by drawing on the extensive collective experience in preparing and obtaining grants by training faculty (more than \$70M currently).

Coordination of the T32 Training Program is led by the CCF, an FIU Preeminent Program and a large and vibrant clinical research center dedicated to improving the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and related problems.

Twelve program mentors, all of whom are currently funded by NIDA, NIAAA, NIMH or NICHD, have particular expertise in childhood and adolescent risk factors for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in youth and Co-occurring SUD and mental health problems (e.g., conduct problems, depression, ADHD). Faculty have expertise in prevention and intervention for at-risk teens; community-based and school-based research on prevention and intervention, including ethnically-informed treatments; drug abuse and neuro-development; etiology and consequences of adolescent substance use; health service disparities; the rising popularity of opioids, electronic nicotine delivery systems, nicotine, and cannabis use. Research opportunities will include exposure to the extensive diversity of the population of Miami-Dade, in which approximately 70% of the youth population are Hispanic/Latino and another 15% African-American. Youth enrolled in the CCF investigators' studies reflect these demographics. CCF research/clinic facilities are extensive (<https://ccf.fiu.edu/training-and-education/fiu-t32-training-program/index.html>), with 26,366 sq. ft. of space in four contiguous buildings on the FIU campus that house two large, completely-staffed clinics with 26 testing/interview/group rooms, the majority equipped for observation and video/sound recording and one for psychophysiological monitoring, as well as an adjacent Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner that is used exclusively for research. Many CCF investigators who are training faculty on this T32 program hold grants in which participants are being scanned. The CCF provides a data management team for the T32, and four of the affiliated faculty are quantitative psychologists who are available to students and postdocs.

For a full list of T32 Primary Mentors, please click <https://ccf.fiu.edu/training-and-education/fiu-t32-training-program/fiu-ccf-t32-primary-mentor-table.pdf>.

Depending on the expertise of the training faculty mentor with which trainees will train, activities for the postdoctoral associates may include participant recruitment and assessment, training, supervising, collaborating with research staff and doctoral trainees, providing consultation to teachers in public school settings, preventive/intervention sessions with youth, and training parents. Postdoctoral associates will be expected to contribute substantively to manuscript preparation, conference presentations, grant submissions, and community engagement. The opportunity to submit collaborative grants with the possibility of promotion to a faculty-level research position is available to postdoctoral associates who successfully obtain a federal grant. Annual salary funding is up to \$60,000 contingent on qualifications.

General applicant requirements

All applicants must hold a doctoral degree in clinical, school or related field of psychology; epidemiology; public health; or social work at the start of their appointment.

In addition, all trainees must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident at the time of appointment.

Applications consisting of a cover letter that includes a list of preferred faculty mentors, CV, and names of three references (as well as subsequent letters) should be sent via email to William E. Pelham, Jr., Ph.D., Director, Center for Children and Families and University Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Florida International University (wpelham@fiu.edu). Review of applications will be ongoing with an initial receipt date for applications on May 7th, 2019. Invitations for interviews will be made shortly thereafter for a targeted hiring date in the late summer of 2019.

FIU is a member of the State University System of Florida and an Equal Opportunity, Equal Access Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.