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Minnesota Population Center
University of Minnesota

Research Associate Wanted
IHIS Project

The Minnesota Population Center is seeking an experienced population health researcher for its Integrated Health Interview Series (IHIS) Project team.

Responsibilities

The primary responsibility for this research associate position is as a project coordinator for the Integrated Health Interview Series (IHIS) project, overseeing daily activities necessary to integrate and disseminate data from the National Health Interview Survey from 1963 to the present. The research associate coordinates and oversees research and technical staff at MPC engaged in IHIS-related activities, including: 1) data reformatting, data conversion, and data checking; 2) metadata updates and supplemental programming for complex variable integration; 3) user interface development and management, including development of tutorials and other user training materials; 4) development of publicity materials; and 5) biannual or annual releases of new data and/or interface enhancements. Administrative responsibilities may include: project planning, resource management, website development, and representation of IHIS at MPC-wide meetings. The research associate collaborates with the principal investigator and other IHIS investigators on methodological developments and analytic issues, outreach activities, integration and documentation work, and grant-writing to extend IHIS into new research and training areas. In addition to project-specific duties, research associates at the Minnesota Population Center conduct grant-supported research in population studies and are expected to participate intellectually in the life of the center with faculty, other researchers, and graduate student members.

Qualifications

Required: Required: PhD in a population health related field (e.g., public health) or PhD in a non-health related field with an MPH. Comprehensive knowledge and extensive experience analyzing National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) and other complex survey data using appropriate survey techniques with a major statistical package (STATA, SAS). Excellent computer and programming skills, including experience with HTML/XML, Perl, Ruby and Unix. Documented experience with project management, administration, project planning, budget management, staff supervision, etc. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written). Technical writing experience (preferably of documentation materials). Experience with data integration across time and/or locations. *Preferred*: Experience analyzing other population health data. Experience collaborating with academics and technical staff in an interdisciplinary environment.

Application Procedures

Applicants must apply using the U of M online system (https://employment.umn.edu/ - requisition number 162840). Please include a resume/curriculum vitae, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references. Contact Kathy McKee (mckee@umn.edu) with any questions. We will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue until the position is filled.