Orthopedics Outcomes/Safety Researcher Position

Kaiser Permanente Southern California (KPSC) is recruiting candidates for an exciting new research position in orthopedics safety, effectiveness and efficacy research. This is an open-rank position for a doctorally-prepared epidemiologist, pharmacoepidemiologist or health services researcher.

KPSC is a leading managed care organization that provides integrated health care for 3.2 million members of diverse races and ethnicity from Southern California. The integrated health care provided to these members is tracked using a system-wide electronic health record. KPSC has excellent administrative information infrastructure that includes the tracking of all orthopedic implants, resulting in probably the largest population-based registry of orthopedic implants in existence. This is augmented by the tracking of all diagnoses and procedures from all health care visits as well as detailed pharmacy and laboratory information which provides outstanding passive follow-up for important health outcomes.

KPSC is currently conducting a number of orthopedic outcomes studies and has recently initiated a program in device safety. The registry efforts are aligned tightly with the clinical practice, resulting in the development of questions of importance to clinicians and the translation of results directly to patient care. In addition, internal infrastructure to conduct clinical trials in orthopedics is being developed.

This hard-money funded position will include a core support package for the successful applicant that can be used to conduct pilot studies that leverage existing infrastructure to facilitate the development of an extramurally funded research program. This support includes staffing for administrative tasks, programming and analysis, and research support as well as modest funding for non-personnel-related costs.

A description of the Department of Research & Evaluation is available on the web (http://kp.org/research). It is the home to 12 doctorally-prepared investigators and over 80 support staff. The Department is located in Pasadena, a community of 134,000 residents and the home of the California Institute of Technology, the Rose Bowl, the Jet Propulsion Lab, and other historical and cultural sites. Information about the community can be found on-line at www.pasadenacal.com/visitors.htm. Pasadena is in the San Gabriel Valley 15 minutes north of downtown Los Angeles in sunny southern California.

Interested candidates should submit their letter of interest, CV and references to Dr. Steven J. Jacobsen (c/o Jennifer.X.Wong@kp.org). Principals only.

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Virginia Commonwealth University

Department of Epidemiology and Community Health

The Department of Epidemiology and Community Health invites applications for several tenure-track academic positions in epidemiology. The Department of Epidemiology and Community Health (http://www.epidemiology.vcu.edu) at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is a vital and growing research and teaching department in the emerging school of public health. Epidemiology at VCU is grounded by frameworks that acknowledge that causal factors are nested one within another, with environmental factors, genetic factors, behaviors and social contexts integral to disease processes. With this perspective, we embrace a team science approach to promoting health and reducing disease burden. There is active collaboration with many faculty members in other departments and centers of the School of Medicine and VCU.

The University is developing a School of Public Health within which the current Departments of Epidemiology and Community Health, Biostatistics, Health Administration, and Social and Behavioral Health are core departments. Now is an exciting time to join the Department and play a critical role in the establishment of the first School of Public Health in Virginia. VCU boasts one of the country’s most comprehensive health sciences centers—the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Dentistry, and Allied Health Professions, and the Massey Cancer Center as part of the VCU Medical Center. Moreover, the Department is ideally located in Richmond, Virginia, the state’s capital, and close to Washington DC, providing excellent opportunities for interaction and research collaboration with practitioners and policy makers in state and federal agencies.

Qualifications: Applicants must (1) possess a doctoral degree in epidemiology or related field, (2) have a strong research background with an emerging or existing funded research program, and (3) have the ability to work cooperatively and collegially with students and faculty. Candidates whose research focus includes: social epidemiology, nutritional epidemiology, cardiovascular disease epidemiology, cancer epidemiology, and environmental epidemiology are particularly encouraged to apply. We value experience teaching and mentoring at the graduate level. The successful candidate will have strong quantitative and methodologic expertise. Applicants must possess excellent oral and written communication skills. The successful candidates will play a central role in the developing School of Public Health and the Department’s program of teaching and research. Faculty members will be essential members of teams developing creative, innovative approaches to public health education and collaborative research. The successful candidate will be expected to develop/sustain an independent, funded research program.

Salary is highly competitive and commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY: Send curriculum vitae, a cover letter highlighting qualifications and research interests, and the names and addresses of three professional references by email to: rbhobson@vcu.edu, or mail to: Kate L. Lapane, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, Virginia Commonwealth University, P.O. Box 980212, Richmond, VA 23298-0212, phone: (804) 628-2518. Applications will be reviewed as received, and the positions will remain open until filled.

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Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.