

## Post-Doctoral Scholar (2 positions)

**Campus/Location:** University Park Campus

**Date Announced:** 04/17/2018

**Date Closing:** *open until filled*

**Job Number:** [78430](#)

**Work Unit:** College of Health and Human Development

**Department:** Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center

The Prevention Research Center and Department of Human Development and Family Studies of The Pennsylvania State University ([www.prevention.psu.edu](http://www.prevention.psu.edu)) announce the availability of two research post-doctoral scholar positions to work on two projects, directed by Drs. Mark Feinberg and Greg Fosco, in the area of family- and school-based prevention. Applicants who would like to pursue these positions should have a background in child/adolescent development, family research, and/or community risk and prevention, as well as possess strong conceptualization and writing skills. Such an individual will be supported in developing an independent line of investigation. **The first post-doctoral position** is attached to a NICHD-funded study examining the intergenerational effects of the PROMoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience (PROSPER) intervention delivery system. The original project was a large-scale, community-level randomized trial of 28 rural and semi-rural communities in Iowa and Pennsylvania. At the start of the study, nearly 11,000 youth participated in this trial; data collection has been ongoing, starting in the 6th grade and continuing into their mid-20s. This project will focus on those young adults who have had children to understand the intergenerational impact of PROSPER for the second generation. Activities will include project management, data management and analysis, and developing and leading authorship on papers based on existing datasets. Interests in preventive interventions, adolescence, family and/or peer relationships and lifecourse development would be a strong fit with this position. **The second post-doctoral position** is attached to a line of work around promotion of co-parenting at the transition to parenthood. The individual hired for this position will be able to draw from several randomized-trial datasets in pursuing analyses and publications; the candidate will also contribute to the development of new projects by assisting with grant proposals, curriculum adaptation, and collaborations; and some general support to ongoing projects as needed (possibilities include engagement with our video coding team; monitoring and supervision of program implementation; or research administrative tasks such as managing IRB issues). The individual will be supported in developing an independent line of research as well. Residence at Penn State is preferred but not required. Applicants to both positions should have relevant research experience, strong statistical skills, and a capacity to work closely with others. Applicants are required to have a Ph.D. or equivalent doctorate in an appropriate field. To apply, please email a letter of interest and vita to Michelle Hostetler ([mxh14@psu.edu](mailto:mxh14@psu.edu)). In a brief cover letter: (1) Please indicate which of the above projects you are interested in working on. (2) State when you are available to start. (3) List competencies and experience in specific advanced statistical techniques (e.g., multi-level modeling, SEM, longitudinal analysis, etc.) and particular statistical packages (SAS, R, SPSS, AMOS, STATA, MPLUS, etc.). (4) Briefly describe any previous experience in applied research. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the positions are filled. Penn State is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.