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Postdoctoral Scholarship Position Open in Perinatal Mental Health

The University of Chicago has an opening for a one (1) year, full-time postdoctoral scholar in Perinatal Mental Health beginning July 1st, 2022. The postdoctoral scholar will be under the supervision of **Dr. Candice Norcott** in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience in the Biological Sciences Division of the University of Chicago. The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience is in the thriving and vibrant community of Hyde Park and partners with the community to explore and develop innovative behavioral health interventions for individuals living on the South Side of Chicago. The postdoctoral scholarship position involves working closely with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, conducting clinical research and developing expertise in delivering and evaluation interventions aimed at improving perinatal mental health.

Research activities will be focused on a National Institute of Mental Health funded study entitled, ***“Leveraging the Patient-Provider Relationship to Improve Perinatal Outcomes of Black Women.”*** The project is a mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative) study funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) through the Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Opportunities and Infrastructure Fund. The study aims to test the unique effect of awareness of increased maternal health risks for Black women on the association between race-based discrimination and stress. This study will also begin a program of research addressing patient-provider communication that may attenuate this effect.

Prior to the start of employment, qualified applicants must: 1) have a PhD in Clinical Psychology, 2) hold or be eligible for an Illinois license in Clinical Psychology, and 3) have completed an internship at an APA-accredited site. Assessment of applications will consider applicants with experience in the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic mental disorders; experience in maternal health; and an interest in addressing health disparities.

Motivated candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement describing your clinical and research interests, achievements, and career goals (1 page maximum), and two (2) letters of recommendations to Dr. Norcott at cnorcott@bsd.uchicago.edu. Compensation in the Biological Sciences Division follows the NIH NRSA Stipend scale. Additional information on benefits and being a postdoc in the University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division can be found at bsdpostdoc.uchicago.edu.