

PROJECT DIRECTOR

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Salary: Salary is commensurate with experience and education.

The University of Washington (UW) is proud to be one of the nation's premier educational and research institutions. Our people are the most important asset in our pursuit of achieving excellence in education, research, and community service. Our staff not only enjoy outstanding benefits and professional growth opportunities, but also an environment noted for diversity, community involvement, intellectual excitement, artistic pursuits, and natural beauty.

As members of the University of Washington School of Social Work, we commit ourselves to promoting social and economic justice for poor and oppressed populations and enhancing the quality of life for all. We strive to maximize human welfare through:

- education of effective social work leaders, practitioners and educators who will challenge injustice and promote a more humane society, and whose actions will be guided by vision, compassion, knowledge and disciplined discovery, and deep respect for cultural diversity and human strengths;
- research that engenders understanding of complex social problems, illuminates human capacities for problem-solving, and promotes effective and timely social intervention; and
- public service that enhances the health, well-being, and empowerment of disadvantaged communities and populations at local, national, and international levels.

We embrace our position of leadership in the field of social work and join in partnership with others in society committed to solving human problems in the twenty-first century.

The School of Social Work has an opportunity for a Project Director.

With funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a two-year study will be conducted to preliminarily evaluate the effectiveness of an intervention focusing on adult marijuana dependence. The intervention will involve an adaptation of motivational enhancement therapy and cognitive behavior therapy. The objective will be to motivate marijuana dependent adults to maintain treatment gains post-treatment.

This study is being conducted collaboratively by staff at the University of Washington and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Innovative Programs Research Group:

The IPRG is an externally-funded entity within the School of Social Work. Funding from NIDA and DOD is currently supporting studies in which psychosocial interventions are being evaluated with adults or adolescents in randomized controlled trials:

"The Teen Marijuana Check-Up" - a motivational enhancement intervention designed for non-treatment-seeking adolescents who smoke marijuana.

"Motivating Substance Abusing Batterers to Seek Treatment" – a telephone-delivered motivational enhancement therapy to motivate batterers who are not in counseling or adjudicated to voluntarily enter treatment.

"Motivating Treatment Seeking and Behavior Change by Untreated Military Personnel Abusing Alcohol or Drugs" – a telephone-delivered motivational enhancement therapy to motivate active military personnel who are abusing substances to seek treatment and/or decrease their use.

Basic Functions and Responsibilities:

The Project Director will oversee all components of the study, with particular emphasis on the development and implementation of the data collection, management, and analysis functions.

Study Leadership. Working with the study investigators, the Project Director will contribute to staff decision-making concerning study design, the development of protocols for recruitment and enrollment, tracking and retention strategies, the selection of measures, protocols for interventions, staffing, quality assurance, and data management and analysis.

Development of Assessment Battery. Working with the study investigators, the Project Director will share responsibility for the construction of the baseline and follow-up assessment batteries.

Assessment, Tracking, and Data Management Quality Assurance. The Project Director will supervise the Assessment Coordinator for the purpose of ensuring adherence to assessment, tracking, and data management protocols.

Counselor Training and Supervision. The Project Director will assist in the supervision of the Counselors for the purpose of ensuring adherence to the therapy manuals.

Data Analysis. Working with the study investigators, the Project Director will conduct data analyses using appropriate statistical strategies.

Report and Manuscript Preparation. The Project Director will supervise the Assessment Coordinator in the preparation of regular and periodic status reports concerning participant enrollment, attendance, attrition and retention, and tracking. This Project Director will also hold key responsibilities in data analyses pertaining to the aims and research questions associated with the study.

This position is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The duration of this position is contingent upon continued funding.

As a UW employee, you will enjoy generous benefits and work/life programs. For detailed information on Benefits for this position, [click here](#).

Requirements:

Master's degree in social work, psychology, sociology, public health, or a related behavioral science; or bachelor's degree in social work or related field and two years of relevant experience.

Supervisory experience in participant enrollment, assessment, tracking, and quality assurance in randomized controlled trials.

Experience working with research participants, conducting assessments and tracking relevant data.

Ability to build and maintain professional relationships.

Skillful in interpersonal relationships and working collaboratively as part of a team.

Willingness and ability to adhere to clinical and research protocols.

Experience working with clients, patients, or customers on private, sensitive or "taboo" topics.

Experience working with word-processing and database software.

Equivalent education/experience will substitute for all minimum qualifications except when there are legal requirements, such as a license/certification/registration.

Desired:

PhD. is preferred.

Working knowledge of behavioral interventions with alcohol/drug dependence (cognitive behavioral counseling and motivational enhancement therapy).

Proficiency with requisite data analysis skills for clinical experimental design.

Demonstrated skill in writing for professional publication.

Experience in grant writing.

Condition of Employment: *A satisfactory outcome from a criminal background verification may be required prior to hire.*

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Application Process:

Part of the application process for this position includes completing an **on-line cover letter assessment** as well as the Employment Eligibility Assessment to obtain additional information that will be used in the evaluation process. The assessment(s) will appear on your screen for you to complete as soon as you select "Apply to this Position" on this job announcement. Once you begin the assessment, it must be completed at that time. If you select to take it later, it will appear on your "My Jobs" page to take when you are ready.

Please note that your application will not be reviewed, and you will not be considered for this position until the assessment is complete.

The University of Washington is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact the Disability Services Office at 206.543.6450 / 206.543.6452 (tty) or dso@u.washington.edu.