

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

Division of General Medicine, Columbia University Medical Center

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The Division of General Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center is seeking applications for a postdoctoral scientist to support multiple projects investigating modifiable vascular contributions to age-related changes in cognitive and physical function, subclinical cerebrovascular disease, and dementia conducted in large NIH-funded cardiovascular disease cohorts, including, the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study, the Jackson Heart Study, and the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis among others. In addition to the mentored research projects, the postdoctoral scholar will be expected to present their research at national scientific conferences, prepare and publish manuscripts, pursue additional training/professional development through internal and external courses or workshops, and develop their grant writing skills.

Candidates for this position should have past experience conducting quantitative population health research within areas such as epidemiology or biostatistics. Demonstrated past experience in statistical programming (SAS, STATA, or R) is required. The ideal candidate will have research and/or training experience in cardiovascular epidemiology and/or neuroepidemiology, evidence of publications in peer-reviewed journals, and a record of presentations at national conferences. The position also requires excellent writing abilities, strong organizational skills, and meticulous attention to detail.

The anticipated start date for the position is Fall 2020.

The initial contract will be for one year, with the expectation of renewal for a second year based on satisfactory performance. Additional funding is available for travel, presentations, and research expenses.

Qualified candidates must hold a PhD, DrPH, or ScD degree in epidemiology, biostatistics or other related fields, or have completed all requirements for such a degree by the time of appointment.

To apply for this position, please submit the following:

- Cover letter that discusses your qualifications, research experience, reasons for applying to this program, current and future goals
- Curriculum vitae
- Names and contact information of 2-3 individuals who can be contacted for letters of reference
- Example published or unpublished manuscript and one sample of statistical code

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The Postdoctoral Scientist will be advised by and work closely with Dr. Priya Palta. Please direct questions regarding this opportunity to Dr. Palta (pp2464@cumc.columbia.edu).