Position Announcement

Open Rank Faculty
Assistant, Associate or Full Professor
Department of Mental Health Law and Policy

The Department of Mental Health Law and Policy (MHLP), College of Behavioral and Community Sciences (CBCS), University of South Florida (USF) invites applications from qualified candidates to fill one of two 9-month tenure-earning faculty positions, one at the rank of Assistant Professor and one at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor. Both are to be located on the USF Tampa campus. Rank is negotiable, and salary will be commensurate with rank. The successful candidate is expected to have, or to demonstrate the potential for, an independent program of research focused on behavioral health services, with a research focus in one or more of the following areas:

- Public sector mental health and substance use services, policy, and financing
- Implementation science and behavioral health
- Behavioral health research methods and statistics
- Integration of behavioral and physical healthcare
- Underrepresented populations and behavioral health disparities
- Technology in behavioral health (e.g., telehealth/eHealth, informatics, AI)
- Prevention, health promotion, and early intervention in behavioral health
- Behavioral health issues within justice systems
- Global behavioral health
- Health communications in behavioral health
- Trauma-informed care
- Veterans’ behavioral health

Minimum Qualifications:
The successful candidate must hold a doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD, DrPH, DSW) by the time of faculty appointment.

Preferred Qualifications (commensurate with rank):
Strong publication record related to the foci of this position, demonstrated success or potential in obtaining external funding related to behavioral health services and policy research, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and a record of collaborative work with both academic and community partners. Documented evidence of previous and/or current grant activity commensurate with rank is required of those applying for the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. Evidence of grant potential is required of applicants for the rank of Assistant Professor. A strong background in research methods and/or statistics is desired, along with experience teaching at undergraduate or graduate levels. The successful candidate is expected to teach and be an active mentor within undergraduate and/or graduate programs.
CBCS Points of Pride

- We are proud to be home to a diverse student body comprised of 25.2% Hispanic, 10% Black, and 53.5% white individuals from 35 countries. In addition, the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences leads the university in the percentage of Pell Grant recipients who graduate in four years.

- Eight CBCS faculty members were named American Association for the Advancement of Science fellows for their outstanding contributions to research since 2018.

- The college is deeply involved in the community with students completing more than 300,000 service hours valued at an estimated $7.7 million per year. Our hundreds of community partners include law enforcement agencies, mental health and behavioral healthcare organizations, social service agencies, healthcare organizations, federal and state agencies, and public-school systems.

- We have a strong commitment to mental health and wellness. The free, online Mental Health and Wellness in the Workplace course developed by college faculty and staff has attracted 5,500 people.

About MHLP

The Department of Mental Health Law and Policy (MHLP) is one of six departments/schools in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences (CBCS) and department faculty are integral members of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI). The department promotes academic excellence by providing leadership and opportunities that enhance manpower development and personal growth in a fully engaged learner-centered environment. The mission of the department is to promote the health and quality of life of people with mental and substance use disorders by creating, evaluating, disseminating, and translating state-of-the-art knowledge to support effective practice across behavioral health and criminal justice systems.

About USF

The University of South Florida is situated in the vibrant and diverse Tampa Bay region, with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee. Our campuses serve more than 50,000 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, specialist, and professional degrees. USF is the fastest-rising university in America, according to U.S. News and World Report’s 2023 Best Colleges rankings. Over the past 10 years, USF has jumped a remarkable 52 spots among public universities, from No. 94 to No. 42, and 73 spots among all universities, from No. 170 to No. 97. USF is one of 80 public research universities nationwide classified as both a Doctoral University with “Very High Research Activity” and as a “Community Engaged” institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

USF is the first public university in Florida to be invited to join the AAU in nearly 40 years. USF is the fifth youngest and one of only six AAU universities to be founded after 1950. USF ranks 29th among U.S. public institutions and in the top 250 best universities in the world according to the 2023 Times Higher Education World University Rankings. USF was awarded $546.5 million in research contracts and grants in fiscal year 2022. Groundbreaking research is a priority at USF. We seek to empower our scholars to break barriers, generate knowledge, unleash innovation, and change lives.