Postdoctoral Fellowships in Tobacco Control Research

Academic Background Required: **Doctorate/Equivalent Degree**

The training program is a national treasure that offers a unique and comprehensive didactic and mentored research experience that considers the transdisciplinary nature of tobacco control in national and international health policy. The emphasis on science to policy research is relatively rare in tobacco research training and highly relevant, given the recent changes in tobacco control public health policies. The Program Director, Dr. Stanton Glantz, has a long and distinguished career conducting transdisciplinary research and mentoring on a wide variety of smoking-related topics and disease endpoints... The Program Co-Director, Pamela Ling, M.D., M.P.H., has been actively involved in the program since its inception ... In addition, [there is] a large group of stellar faculty mentors. The environment is exceptional, including collaboration with the World Health Organization’s efforts on Tobacco Control and access to the Legacy Tobacco Documents Library; strong Institutional support is also evident.

--NIH Peer Review Summary Statement, 2010

The **purpose of the fellowship** is to prepare individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds in medical, biological, social, behavioral, and policy sciences to join the next generation of academic leaders in tobacco control. Upon completion of training, fellows will be well positioned to be active participants in crucial policy debates about the future development and implementation of tobacco control interventions. The need for tobacco control experts continues to grow with the continuing diffusion of smokefree laws, Congress’ recent legislation granting the US Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate tobacco products, implementation of health care reform with its emphasis on disease prevention, and the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, the world’s first public health treaty.

The fellowship supports **two years of postdoctoral training** in all aspects of tobacco control research. Our program stresses the skills needed to conduct research in diverse, collaborative transdisciplinary settings. We emphasize leadership in catalyzing the integration of multiple disciplines and translating science to policy and clinical practice. Postdoctoral fellows will have exposure to diverse training including both didactic coursework and individualized mentoring to build a personalized research program. Fellows have come from medicine, public health, nursing, economics, anthropology, political science, law, sociology, psychology, and cell biology. Prior tobacco research experience is relevant, but not necessary for acceptance.

We offer individual mentorship with UCSF faculty along with courses in tobacco specific topics, health policy, cancer control and prevention, grant and scientific writing skills, career development, interdisciplinary research, and biostatistics. UCSF is a global leader in tobacco science, a World Health Organization collaborating center, and home of the Legacy Tobacco Documents Library. We place a high priority on developing a fellowship program that reflects the diverse communities we serve. We encourage qualified applicants from all backgrounds to apply.

Postdoctoral trainees will receive an annual salary commensurate with their experience, approximately $44,000 - $53,096, $2000 above the current NIH stipend scale. Learn more about the Center, the fellowship program, current fellows, and faculty and their research interests at [www.tobacco.ucsf.edu](http://www.tobacco.ucsf.edu).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 20, 2016 for fellowships beginning July 1, 2016.**

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