

Postdoctoral Research Associate in Substance Use
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Institution	Brown University Providence, Rhode Island
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Application Deadline	Fall 2019
Position Start Date	As early as Summer 2019
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Academic Field(s)	Public Health/Biostatistics/Epidemiology Community Health
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Job Description

The research team led by Dr. Brandon DL Marshall, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, is hiring a full-time Postdoctoral Research Associate. We are a dynamic and active research group focuses on substance use epidemiology, infectious diseases, and the social, environmental, and structural determinants of health of urban populations. Our work seeks to improve the health of people who use drugs. We employ a variety of methods in our research, including agent-based modeling, observational analyses, clinical trials, and public health surveillance. Our team supports TITAN, a research program using agent-based modeling to investigate HIV transmission dynamics among people who use drugs. Working closely with the Rhode Island Department of Health, we manage PreventOverdoseRI, Rhode

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Island's drug overdose surveillance and information dashboard, to track, measure, and evaluate efforts to address the state's opioid overdose epidemic. We also serve as the Data & Research Methods Core for the Centre of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) on Opioids & Overdose, which supports Rhode Island-based investigators conducting cutting edge research to address the nation's overdose crisis. Currently, our group includes a postdoctoral fellow, six graduate students, five undergraduate trainees, a project director, a senior research modeler, a biostatistician, a research associate, and three research assistants.

The selected Postdoctoral Research Associate (PDRA) will participate actively in two new NIH-funded studies. The first will test the efficacy of a novel drug-checking intervention to prevent fatal and non-fatal overdose among young adults who use drugs. We are among the first research teams in the nation to evaluate whether the incorporation of rapid fentanyl testing into a theory-driven overdose education and counseling program reduces rates of overdose. In the second study, we will work collaboratively with health departments in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York City to estimate the impact of alternative strategies for community and pharmacy distribution of naloxone on minimizing overdose fatalities and optimizing allocation of available resources in these jurisdictions. The PDRA will receive mentorship in grant writing, including on a K career development award or an R-series grant. The PDRA will also be involved in analyses of rich, high resolution overdose surveillance data collected by statewide agencies and analyzed by our research team at the Brown University School of Public Health.

The commitment for this PDRA position is 1-2 years. Brown University is an equal opportunity employer and we strongly encourage applications from individuals from diverse backgrounds, including racial/ethnic and sexual/gender minorities. Candidates from underrepresented backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply.

Position Requirements: PhD, ScD, or DrPH in epidemiology or a related field in public health. Significant research experience as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications is required. Demonstrated interest in substance use epidemiology, overdose prevention, opioid use disorder, and/or harm reduction interventions is also required. Prior experience working with people who use drugs is preferred. Persons with a strong background in project management, rigorous training in epidemiological methods (e.g., geospatial analyses, longitudinal data analysis) and/or clinical trials is highly desired.

Salary: Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Including a competitive full-time benefits package.

Start Date: By fall 2019. Can be as early as summer 2019.

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Candidates should also provide the names and email addresses for three individuals familiar with their work who can be contacted for recommendations. Only those applicants who are selected for interviews will be directly contacted.

Application Deadline: This position will remain open until a qualified applicant is found.

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