

## University of Minnesota Obesity Prevention Training (MnOPT) Program Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Research Fellow Positions Available



The MnOPT training program at the University of Minnesota is dedicated to providing innovative interdisciplinary training for the next generation of biologic, behavioral, and clinical obesity prevention scientists. The program offers training for predoctoral fellows who may be accepted in one of several University of Minnesota PhD programs, as well as postdoctoral fellows with MD, PhD, or equivalent degrees. The positions offer up to a 4-5 year appointment for predoctoral training or a 2-3 year appointment for postdoctoral training with a flexible start date, tuition benefits, a competitive stipend, and support for scientific meeting travel and other training experiences.

Trainees will engage in research that focuses on the biology of obesity, clinical research on human obesity, and applied studies of treatment and prevention in community settings. Central to the MnOPT mission is having a strong mentoring environment for trainees organized around three training tracks: basic sciences, clinical studies, and epidemiology/behavioral research. There will also be active efforts to facilitate transdisciplinary training between the three areas in order to broaden trainees' disciplinary horizons.

Trainees will receive interdisciplinary training through required coursework and regular seminars. They will participate actively in research. They will be mentored in communicating study findings in written publication formats and in oral presentations, grantsmanship, research ethics, and career development.

Training goals are accomplished by matching trainees with faculty mentors who guide trainees in the development of the technical expertise and skills they will need to be successful, independent researchers. There are 40 potential faculty mentors in the program.

For more information and application: <http://www.sph.umn.edu/epi/training/mnopt.asp>

If interested, submit application electronically as a **single** doc or pdf file to:

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There are currently no predoctoral fellowship positions available in the program. Applications for a postdoctoral fellowship should be submitted by **Feb 1, 2013** for a program opening beginning on or after September 1, 2013.

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