PRI’s New Visiting Scholars Program

The Pennsylvania State University’s Population Research Institute (PRI) is delighted to announce a new Visiting Scholars program. Candidates will receive support from PRI to prepare a grant for submission to the National Institute of Health’s Eunice Kennedy Shriver’s National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The Visiting Scholars will come to Penn State’s campus for one week of intensive writing, grant-writing training, networking, and mentorship at the start of the first year of the program, May 15-19, 2023. Visiting Scholars will become external affiliates of PRI for two years (with possibility of continuing affiliation), will be assigned a PRI faculty associate mentor, and will join one of PRI’s working groups, such as the Family & Gender Demography group, the Population Health group, or the Grant Writing group, to work on their research and grant-writing activities with like-minded scholars. The Visiting Scholar program is a two-year program open to pre-tenure population scientists.

Application Details:
1. CV
2. A one-page description of your proposed grant research idea (11-pt Arial, half inch margins), including:
   a. Your research question.
   b. Short description of the contribution of the research.
   c. Brief description of possible data and methodology.
   d. Fit with NICHD’s Population Dynamics Branch’s priorities and programs.
   e. Relevance of the planned proposal to your five-year career plan.

Eligibility Criteria:
Applicants should be junior faculty/research scientists (non-tenured or <7 years since PhD) and population scientists at a research institute or university in the U.S. that does not have a NICHD-PDB funded population center. Visiting Scholars will be selected who have research areas aligned with PRI’s primary research areas of Families, Networks, and Social Change; Population Health; Immigration, Migration, and Immigrant Integration; and Communities, Neighborhoods, and Spatial Processes. Applicants must have a grant idea to develop that aligns with NICHD’s Population Dynamics Branch research priorities and programs.

Awards Details:
Visiting Scholars will receive funding to support travel costs, meals, and hotels to travel to University Park/State College, Pennsylvania for the week of May 15-19th, 2023, where they will participate in an intensive grant-writing workshop. Activities will include developing a fundable research question, writing and workshopping specific aims, peer reviews, a cutting-edge methodology workshop, and all the 101 basics of applying to NICHD. Visiting Scholars will also receive a $1000 honorarium. After the week-long introduction to grant-writing workshop, Visiting Scholars will continue their relationship with PRI as Visiting Scholars/external affiliates (with all the benefits of external affiliation) for two more years. During this time, Visiting Scholars will participate in the PRI grant-writing group, as they work to develop and submit externally funded grants to NICHD’s PDB branch, will receive support from their PRI faculty associate mentors, and join in PRI topical area writing groups.

Application deadline: March 1st, 2023.            Email applications to: nds156@psu.edu