Pre-Doctoral Training Opportunity in Tobacco Regulatory Science (Tobacco Policy Research)
Anticipated Start Date: January 2016 (Flexible)

The Department of Preventive Medicine at the USC Keck School of Medicine is accepting applications for a pre-doctoral training position in the USC Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science (TCORS). Tobacco Regulatory Science is an emerging field of applied research that has the overall goal of developing research evidence that will support the Food and Drug Administration in implementing the policies and regulations called for by the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. For additional background, see fda.gov/TobaccoProducts and prevention.nih.gov/tobacco-regulatory-science-program.

The two-year training program will have four core elements including required coursework, project immersion, research funding, and professional development and mentoring. Trainees will be matched to one of the TCORS research projects and brought onto the project team. The research will be an appropriate platform for identifying a dissertation project. Trainees will be encouraged and supported to apply for the TCORS pilot research grants to enhance their ability to carry out independent research. Trainees will also attend professional development seminars and receive individualized mentorship from members of the TCORS advisory groups matched to their interests and needs. Upon completion of the training, fellows will be well positioned to be active participants and take on leadership roles in the future development and implementation of tobacco policies and tobacco control interventions.

**Required Qualifications:** Student enrolled in a full-time graduate program leading to a doctoral degree. Trainees may come from diverse disciplines relevant to tobacco regulatory science, including, for example, the basic sciences, health behavior, psychology, sociology, pharmacy, epidemiology and law. Applicants must be citizens or noncitizen nationals of the U.S. or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence by the time of award.

**Application Deadline:** The application deadline is November 13, 2015.

**To Apply:** Apply online at tcors.usc.edu/training. If you encounter technical problems, please email Andrew Zaw (andrewz@usc.edu) with a cc to Lilit Aladadyan (aladadya@med.usc.edu).

**Required Application Materials:**

1) Letter of interest speaking directly to qualifications, professional activities, and research interests and accomplishments. The letter should specifically address: 1) the relevance of the candidate’s background to tobacco regulatory science; goals for the training program; and potential research projects related to tobacco regulatory science.

2) Current resume or curriculum vitae

3) 2 Letters of Recommendation

**For more information** about the USC Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science or about this training opportunity, please contact: Dr. Heather Wipfli, hwipfli@med.usc.edu.