Faculty Training Opportunity in Tobacco Regulatory Science

The Department of Preventive Medicine of the Keck School of Medicine of USC is accepting applications and/or nominations for a faculty training opportunity 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 evidence-based policies and regulations called for by the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. This training opportunity is for established researchers who are interested in expanding their research portfolio to include this area. For additional background, see fda.gov/TobaccoProducts and prevention.nih.gov/tobacco-regulatory-science-program.

Applicants should have a strong interest in entering the field of tobacco regulatory science and tobacco control research in vulnerable populations. The successful candidate will have a record of published research and funding, and the potential to carry out his/her own research and obtain external grant funding in tobacco regulatory science. The position is a one-year training appointment that will begin in September 2014. The faculty trainee will be supported at 40% (of the NIH salary cap as a maximum) during the year in the program in order to help transition into tobacco regulatory science and tobacco control research in vulnerable populations.

**Required Qualifications:** Minimum qualifications for the training position include a PhD or MD degree or an equivalent doctoral degree in a related field and a USC faculty appointment in the tenure or research tracks. Priority will be given to candidates with a record of R01 funding in an area relevant to tobacco regulatory science and research in vulnerable populations. The faculty member needs to be able to make the requisite time commitment and must have departmental support to shift research activities towards tobacco regulatory science. Additional considerations include the relevance of the candidate’s research and experience to tobacco control and to working with culturally and ethnically diverse and vulnerable populations, the focus of the USC TCORS.

**Application Deadline:** The application deadline for consideration is June 30, 2015.

**To Apply:** Send an email request to aladadya@med.usc.edu to be directed to the online application management system.

**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 curriculum vitae
3) A letter from the department chair in support of participation in the program.
4) Two letters of recommendation

For more information about the Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science or to arrange a meeting with the program directors, Drs. Heather Wipfli and Jonathan Samet, please contact:

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