

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship in Psychology

“Enhancing Health, Advancing Health Technology, and Reducing Health Disparities”
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona

The [Department of Psychology at Arizona State University](#) invites applications for one postdoctoral scholar position in “Enhancing Health, Advancing Health Technology, and Reducing Health Disparities.” This position complements the development of ASU Health initiatives, which includes understanding and addressing human behavior to promote well-being and optimal health outcomes, particularly for vulnerable populations.

This position is located at the Arizona State University at the Tempe campus. All postdoctoral fellowship positions are for one year. Options for an additional one or two years of funding or a transition to a tenure-track position may be offered, depending on the fellow’s progress and training needs. Tenure-track appointments will require a process of review within the designated tenure home unit.

The postdoctoral scholar selected will join a cohort of other postdoctoral scholars at ASU as part of the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. The program aims to support the career development of outstanding Ph.D. recipients with great potential for advancing the ASU Charter into a future tenure-track appointment at ASU.

The program seeks applicants whose professional preparedness, experience, and accomplishments are informed by experiences working with and within groups historically underrepresented in higher education in the United States. In cases where pools of qualified applicants are strong, priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate, through prior actions and achievements, intentional and actionable commitment to the values expressed in the ASU Charter. Such contributions include research or creative activities focused on empowering underserved populations, as well as teaching, mentorship, and service efforts that promote equitable access and inclusion in fields where historically excluded populations are underrepresented.

The Department of Psychology is part of The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is home to 55+ tenure track faculty members specializing in six doctoral areas: Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive Science, Developmental Psychology, Quantitative Psychology, and Social Psychology, as well as robust graduate (terminal master’s degrees) and undergraduate BA/BS psychology and neuroscience degrees. Our faculty have a long history of successful collaborations, innovative science, and national recognition for excellence in researching, teaching, and mentoring. We are committed to fostering inclusive pathways for the care and success of our scholars, leveraging our strengths in health and health behavior change research. Our culturally informed scholars apply community-embedded theory and methods to address health disparities and improve the well-being of underserved populations.

The scholar will be partnered with our current faculty, who have expertise in various health-related topics, including chronic pain, aging, genetics, neurobiology, women’s health and interventions, health behavior change, judgment and decision making, as well as respiratory

viruses and vaccine effectiveness, obesity, body image, sexual risk behaviors, addiction science, and machine-learning approaches to treatment.

The Department of Psychology is committed to providing individualized mentorship and career development to ensure the selected scholar is well prepared to succeed in a potential future tenure-track appointment. Faculty will assist the scholar in identifying activities to enhance a scaffolded transition to a tenure-track position. These activities include focused development of: 1) *teaching*, such as course development and professional development activities (observations, workshops), 2) *research*, including lab development plans (structure, grant-submissions, website/tool development), and 3) *professional networking*, involving identification/connection via mentors in national and international networks of scholars within the chosen research/training area. Career development and community building will also occur through programmatic support at the ASU Graduate College's Postdoctoral Affairs Office.

About Arizona State University

ASU is a large, comprehensive, research university and for nearly two decades, has transformed into the “New American University,” one dedicated to the simultaneous pursuit of excellence, broad access to quality education, and meaningful societal impact. By our Charter and Design Aspirations, we center inclusion and success as values that drive the enterprise; adopt inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning as ways to address society's greatest challenges; and develop innovative partnerships to produce master learners across the lifespan. To learn more about ASU, visit <http://www.asu.edu>.

ASU Charter

ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.

About The College:

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the academic heart of Arizona State University. For employees, that means the chance to engage with a large and curious student body. And for students that are pursuing a degree in our college, faculty and staff get the opportunity to guide them as they grow into socially aware, critical thinkers who are often pioneering solutions to societal issues. While the student success is our top priority, The College also supports the professional development and growth of its faculty and staff as well as research that positively impacts our community. Learn more about what The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has to offer by visiting <https://thecollege.asu.edu/faculty>.

The successful candidate will:

- Receive a \$60,000 fiscal year salary and a one-time relocation stipend

- Receive an allowance for professional development activities.

Job Duties:

- The Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar will present his/her/their research at a scholarly conference.
- The Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar will present his/her/their research work in a presentation to the Psychology community of scholars and students towards the end of the spring semester of their first year.
- The scholar will receive training and support in grant writing; the selected candidate may have the opportunity to work with other scholars in applying for small and large grants, including those from the William T Grant Foundation, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, as well as agencies connected to the Ford and Spencer Foundations.

Qualifications and Characteristics

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in psychology or a related field by the time of appointment.

Desired Qualifications:

- A scholar whose work is multi-disciplinary and who will thrive in a multi-disciplinary environment.
- Demonstrated interest in one or more of the following: Enhancing Health, Advancing Health Technology, or Reducing Health Disparities.
- The ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of people, both academic and non-academic.
- Ability and willingness to present work in progress to the Psychology community.
- Demonstrated commitment to working with faculty, staff, students and communities to advance the principles of the ASU Charter.
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Applications and Inquiries:

Applications can be submitted online at <http://apply.interfolio.com/151211> Application materials should include the following:

- a curriculum vitae
- a letter of interest describing how you meet the qualifications noted above
- two to three representative publications
- statement of teaching and mentoring excellence
- contact information for 3 references including email addresses.

NOTE: Candidates who are non-US citizens will need to be eligible for a J-1 Scholar visa status for the duration of the postdoctoral period. H1B visa status is not sponsored by the Department of Psychology for this position.

Application deadline is **September 12, 2024**. Applicants are encouraged to apply early for best consideration. Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis for a reserve pool. Applications in the reserve pool may then be reviewed in the order in which they were received until the position is filled.

Inquiries can be directed to the search chair: Dr. Becky Blais at Rebecca.blais@asu.edu

A background check is required for employment.

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