Tenure Track Faculty Position: Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development at Clark Atlanta University

Applicants are invited to apply for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track faculty position at the Associate Professor level at the Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) located at Clark Atlanta University (CAU). CCRTD is the only University-wide Center of Excellence dedicated to basic and translational research, training a new generation of cancer scientists, and community outreach and education to eliminate prostate cancer health disparities. Due to the targeted recruitment of faculty and staff over the past 20 years, CCRTD is one of the nation's largest centers, with a unique and comprehensive program to combat prostate cancer. Current faculty have expertise in cancer biology and early drug development, focusing on prostate cancer progression, therapeutic target identification and validation, and lead discovery.

CCRTD will recruit an Associate Professor in Social and Behavioral Sciences who is active, culturally and academically diverse, and of the highest caliber. The successful candidate should have an established, externally funded translational and/or health disparities research program and be skilled in the scholarship of teaching, discovery, application, and integration of knowledge. The Social and Behavioral Scientist will be expected to collaborate closely with CCRTD investigators and have an independent translational research project focusing on prostate cancer health disparities and other relevant areas emphasizing reducing cancer health disparities among African Americans and underserved populations. The candidate is to have an independent translational research project on prostate cancer and understand how social and behavioral factors influence health while identifying risk factors that result in adverse health outcomes and strategies for promoting health and preventing disease. The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in behavioral sciences, psychology, sociology, social work, or a related field and have significant experience understanding the psychosocial, behavioral, community, and societal influences on the health of a specific population, including those who are disadvantaged.

The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary and generous start-up funds based on the research portfolio. The successful candidate will also have a joint appointment in an appropriate academic department. Applications or nominations with curriculum vitae, a list of five references, and a statement of research interests should be submitted to Dr. Jaideep Chaudhary, Ph.D., Director, Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development, Clark Atlanta University, 223 James P. Brawley Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314, or via email to jchaudhary@cau.edu. The review of applications will start on March 1, 2025, and continue until the position is filled.



CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY Job Description

| Position Title: | Associate Professor, Social and Behavioral Scientist |
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| Department: | Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) |
| Reports To: | Dr. Jaideep Chaudhary |

The following statements describe the general nature and level of work to be performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified. All duties listed are essential functions for the position. It is understood that other related duties may be assigned.

General Function (Description):

Perform translational research and establish educational programs focusing on prostate cancer health disparities in underserved minority populations. Duties also include using quantitative and qualitative research methods to help make program planning and evaluation decisions.

Examples of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop an independent translational research project focusing on prostate cancer health disparities and other relevant areas emphasizing reducing cancer health disparities among African Americans and underserved populations.
- Conduct translational research in social science fields, i.e., research focused on analyzing how people behave in different situations and how they can be helped to improve their decision-making abilities.
- Submit grant proposals focused on translational research in prostate cancer and its impact on underserved populations.
- Provide community outreach and service through public lectures and presentations.
- Collaborate with colleagues on interdisciplinary research projects.
- Publish research findings in peer-reviewed academic journals.
- Stay up-to-date with the latest translational research and trends in social sciences and behavior.
- Teach social and behavioral science courses.
- Evaluate student learning and progress.
- Attend and present at academic and national scientific conferences.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong analytical capabilities and ability to interpret data for research grant applications.
- Excellent written, oral communication, and report writing abilities.
- Grant writing skills are a must. Demonstrated experience securing funding through grant applications.
- Experienced problem-solving skills to develop new and improved solutions.
- Computational skills to manage data and potentially create scientific models and simulations.
- Effective project management skills.
- History of experience working in an ethnically and culturally diverse atmosphere.
- Expertise in hiring, building a team from scratch, and managing conflict if needed.

- Skilled at creating a vision and overall strategic competencies.
- Financial acumen, including budget management/expertise, is a plus.

Minimum Hiring Standards:

| Education | A Ph.D. degree in behavioral science, sociology, social work, or psychology, or a terminal degree in a relevant field. | |
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| Years of Experience | At least 5+ years of academic/industry or research and teaching experience in social and/or behavioral sciences. Candidates with ongoing research support will be given preference. | |
| Years of Management/Supervisor | At least 5 years of experience managing independent research | |
| Experience | programs. | |

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