The Center on Race and Social Problems at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work is accepting applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship to conduct research and support projects emphasizing school-based psychosocial phenomena and associated interventions that promote academic achievement and mental health among adolescents of color. The initial appointment will be one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year. Scholars with interest in race and school-based phenomena with a doctorate in education, social work, psychology, sociology, or a related field are encouraged to apply.

The ideal applicant will have robust substantive knowledge of psychosocial phenomena related to African American youth development across social contexts, and a track record of publication in psychology, education, social work, or sociology journals. Applicants with advanced methodological skills in either qualitative (observations and interviewing, grounded and theory-driven analyses) or quantitative skills (HLM, SEM, growth modeling) will be considered. Experience with teaching, counseling, or student support services in schools or in youth programming is also preferred.

The fellow will receive strong mentoring with well-established scholars focused on producing high quality scholarship that lead to rigorous intervention designs. The fellow will also be supported in developing an independent research program that produces grants, conference presentations, peer-reviewed publications, and public dissemination of work.

To apply for this position, please submit (1) a cover letter describing your research goals and training including why your background and interests are a good match for this position; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) two writing samples, and (4) three letters of reference.

Reviews of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. However, interested applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their application before July 15, 2017. Correspondence may be directed to Dr. James Huguley at Huguley@pitt.edu.

The Center on Race and Social Problems at the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Social Work is specifically designed to increase social justice in the U.S. by supporting race-related research across disciplines, mentoring emerging scholars, and disseminating race-related findings both locally and nationally. The Center supports research teams devoted to eight areas of foci, maintains a network of race-related researchers nationally, and produces the journal, Race and Social Problems. The Center’s 2010 “Race in America” conference was the largest conference on race ever held in the United States. For more information on the Center, please visit http://crsp.pitt.edu