



**Postdoctoral Research Associate
School of Social Work
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Overview: The UIUC School of Social Work, invites applications for postdoctoral training in the context of an NIH-funded randomized trial testing virtual reality (VR) software to treat depressive symptoms in hemodialysis patients. The postdoctoral scholar will join Dr. Rosalba Hernandez's lab which is focused on exploring the effects of positive psychological assets on cardiovascular health, particularly as it applies to racial/ethnic minority populations. In addition to hands-on training, by overseeing a large randomized trial, the position provides multidisciplinary training and mentorship for scholars to develop their research portfolio and train as a researcher and author of independently funded research.

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Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Manage research studies, collaborating with staff including sponsoring agencies, organizations and other research or educational institutions to ensure project objectives are attained.
- Monitor study performance, including recruitment and retention; analyze & review results.
- Maintain a detailed knowledge of all study protocols and serve as a primary liaison with external collaborators, and sponsors. Manage and ensure completion of study activities per protocol.
- Responsible for designing materials, developing study forms, measures, and protocols.
- Collaborate with faculty on NIH funded projects.
- Oversee IRB maintenance for all studies under supervision including development of new IRB protocols, maintenance of UIUC IRB approvals, and coordination with other partner IRBs.
- Assist in the design and implementation of new grants proposals and project.
- Lead meetings and present weekly updates on recruitment, retention and study progress.
- Perform other related duties and participate in special projects as assigned.
- Develop surveys and other data collection instruments and protocols. Data collection, interpretation and utilization of data findings.
- Develop detailed and well-documented SAS programs to manage, manipulate, and analyze complex datasets
- Author peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations.
- Present research at scientific conferences, both national and international.

Qualifications:

An earned PhD from fields of social work, public health, psychology, epidemiology, health services, or nursing. Demonstrated proficiency using various statistical software programs and knowledge of RedCap and other online data collection tools. Good oral and written communication skills, strong analytic and organizational skills, and the ability to work independently and effectively follow through with multiple priorities under deadline pressure. Spanish fluency preferred.

Salary and Appointment Information:

This is a full-time (100%), postdoctoral research associate position with a proposed start date of October 2021.

To ensure full consideration, email sw-hr@illinois.edu with your curriculum vita, letter of application outlining research goals (3 pages, double spaced, max), two letters of reference, and two samples of written/published materials which reflect your potential as a postdoctoral research scholar.

*Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, complete applications must be submitted by **October 13, 2021**.*

For further information about this specific position, contact sw-hr@illinois.edu. You may also visit <http://www.socialwork.illinois.edu> for additional information.

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