**Postdoctoral Position at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center**

We are seeking a talented, disciplined, and motivated postdoctoral fellow with training and experience in one or more of the following: behavioral science, social science, psychology, and/or health services research, and a track record of peer-reviewed publications.

The position is at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in the [Health Disparities Research Department (HDR)](http://inside.mdanderson.org/departments/health-disparities/index.html) of the [Division of Cancer Prevention & Population Sciences](http://inside.mdanderson.org/departments/cancer-prevention-division/grand-rounds.html) in Houston, TX. HDR supports a portfolio of investigator-initiated grants, and develops funding opportunities and research resources to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, disparities in cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality and cancer-related behavior through research and education addressing the determinants of disparities as well as interventions and policies designed to eliminate disparities. MDACC has extensive resources for post-doctoral scholars, such as weekly grand rounds, training workshops, grant writing workshops, writing assistance, library support, and statistical support. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The start date is negotiable.

The postdoctoral fellow will work with the Dr. Larkin Strong and a multidisciplinary team of collaborators on an NIH-funded R01 study, Women on the Move. Women on the Move is a randomized controlled trial testing the efficacy of a dyadic motivational and social support intervention for promoting physical activity in inactive, predominantly Black and Latina women. The fellow will contribute to project oversight and planning, conduct analyses, prepare and submit manuscripts, develop grant proposals, and develop an independent program of research. Opportunities to work on additional projects are also available. The fellow will work with the PI to apply for a diversity supplement to Dr. Strong’s R01 and thus candidates should be a member of a group considered by the NIH to be underrepresented in health-related research. This includes individuals who are Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders. Individuals with disabilities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds are also eligible. Additional information can be found in [PA-21-071](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-21-071.html).

**Essential job functions**

* Planning, organizing, coordinating and participating in scientific research projects.
* Work closely with the PI to determine specific goals or objectives to be obtained for each research project and evaluate research data, develop, and revise techniques or approaches to work problems.
* Develop and/or recommend program intervention, prevention, and/or control strategies.
* Provide expertise and services on behavioral research-related issues, data management, analysis, and interpretation.
* Conduct research activities and edit reports, presentations, and other documents.
* Present findings of research projects to professional groups and prepare scientific documents for publication.

**Qualifications**

* Ph.D. in psychology, public health or other related behavioral/social sciences discipline; or is currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program and will have fulfilled all degree requirements prior to beginning the postdoctoral fellowship
* Ability to work and learn independently, including remote work as needed
* Strong data analysis skills
* Excellent oral and written communication skills
* Advanced training in research methodology and strong publication record
* Strong work ethic and commitment to becoming an independent scientist

**Preferred Qualifications**

* Prior experience in cancer prevention research
* A defined research focus including (but not limited to) obesity and physical activity;
* Ability to work with diverse groups and people from an array of cultures, backgrounds and scientific and technical understanding

**To apply, email the following to** [**Dr. Larkin Strong**](mailto:LLStrong@mdanderson.org)**:**

* + Letter describing areas of research interest
  + Curriculum vitae with bibliography
  + Copies of 1-2 recent publications
  + List of 3 references and contact information