Postdoctoral Fellowship in Violence Prevention Research
Violence Prevention Research Program
California Firearm Violence Research Center
University of California, Davis

The Violence Prevention Research Program (VPRP) and the California Firearm Violence Research Center, both at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis), invite applications for one or more Postdoctoral Fellowships in Violence Prevention Research. Recognizing that violence prevention is a field that is expansive and multi-disciplinary, we welcome outstanding investigators whose work addresses one or more of the following topics: individual, social, and structural factors associated with violence and violence inequities; implementation and effectiveness of violence prevention policies and interventions; criminal legal system decision-making and risk prediction; or other topics related to the causes, consequences, and prevention of multiple forms of violence and innovations in community and public safety. Scholars utilizing quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methodological approaches are encouraged to apply.

Fellows will collaborate on existing research projects and lead studies and grant proposals of their own initiative, all with support and mentoring by core VPRP and Center faculty. Our team is actively involved in developing public policy and practice on violence and its prevention, and fellows will have the opportunity to participate in this important translational work. The content of each fellowship will reflect existing areas of strength and will be tailored to meet the goals and objectives of individual fellows. UC Davis’s robust program of courses, seminars, and other learning and teaching opportunities for postdoctoral scholars will also be available to fellows. The fellow will be employed as a postdoctoral scholar for up to two (2) years with a competitive annual salary and benefits, and a $10,000 reimbursable research fund for project expenses, professional development, and travel to scientific meetings.

Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis to individuals who have completed a doctoral degree program in public health, epidemiology, sociology, public policy, criminology, economics, (bio)statistics, community development, or a related field (Ph.D., Dr.PH., M.D., or equivalent). To apply, please submit: 1) a cover letter describing your goals and qualifications for the fellowship, specific research interests, and career plans; 2) a current CV; 3) contact information for three references; and 4) copies of two published papers or other recent examples of your scholarly work. Materials should be sent by email to Sumeet Hothi at skhothi@ucdavis.edu. Please use the subject line “Postdoctoral Fellowship Application”.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through April 15, 2024.

VPRP is a multi-disciplinary program of research and policy development focused on the nature, causes, consequences, and prevention of violence. Our status as a reliable source for rigorous research and our location in California’s capital city of Sacramento increase our ability to inform programs and policies for preventing violence and structuring safe and equitable communities. VPRP has a strong commitment to expanding the cultural, social, and experiential diversity of the field of violence prevention. Fellows who can contribute to this goal are encouraged to apply and to identify their strengths and experiences in this area.