Postdoctoral Research Scholar – Etiology and Prevention of Youth Violence
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ)
Arizona State University (ASU)

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) at Arizona State University (ASU) is looking for a Postdoctoral Research Scholar to assist with two NIH-funded projects examining issues related to the etiology and prevention of youth violence. The first project will use a multi-staged measurement development strategy to create a set of free, empirically-based, and precise risk screening instruments that can be used in multiple settings to identify children most in need of targeted violence prevention services. The second project will leverage data from two comprehensive longitudinal studies of racially/ethnically diverse urban males to examine the mechanisms underlying gun carrying and use during adolescence and young adulthood. In addition to developing their own substantive area of research, Postdoctoral Scholars will be expected to author/co-author peer-reviewed publications related to both projects and assist the Principal Investigator (Dr. Dustin Pardini) with the implementation of both projects. Scholars will receive applied research training related to longitudinal data analysis, procedures for evaluating screening instruments, and state-of-the-art qualitative and quantitative measurement development techniques. Additional training related to the dissemination of evidence-based violence prevention programs within the community will be made available in collaboration with members of the ASU REACH institute (see http://reachinstitute.asu.edu/about). Interested candidates will also have the opportunity to participate in research experiences involving the use of functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to examine neurobiological factors implicated in adolescent antisocial behavior.

This is a full-time (1.0 FTE), benefits-eligible, year-to-year appointment. Renewal is possible on an annual basis for up to 3 years. For additional information and policies regarding postdoctoral scholars at ASU, please see http://provost.asu.edu/postdoc. Salary is commensurate with experience. Successful candidates will receive an annual stipend of $3,000 to support research-related travel and training activities.

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is in a period of dynamic growth. From ASU’s campus in Downtown Phoenix, the SCCJ offers the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in criminology and criminal justice; the Ph.D. program is ranked 12th in the United States (http://ccj.asu.edu). The Department actively supports a cross-discipline approach to the study of crime by increasingly employing faculty members with expertise in areas spanning clinical and developmental psychology, cognitive neuroscience, sociology, quantitative methods, policing and law enforcement, and family and constitutional law.

Qualifications: Qualified candidates must have a Ph.D. or expect to receive a Ph.D. in a theoretically relevant field of study (e.g., criminology, psychology, epidemiology) by the start of the appointment. Applicants must have experience conducting research related to the development of antisocial behavior, demonstrate strong scientific writing skills, exhibit a comprehensive understanding of regression-based statistics, and have a history of publishing research findings within reputable peer-reviewed journals. Candidates with prior experience conducting longitudinal data analysis within a structural equation modeling framework preferred. Candidates must be capable of starting the position no later than January 1, 2016.

Application Procedure: Application materials include:

• Current curriculum vitae
• **Letter** (limit 1 page) summarizing your relevant experiences and career goals
• Contact information for **three references**
• **Writing sample** (published or unpublished) that best exemplifies your scholarly work.

Application materials should be sent to Dr. Dustin Pardini, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, at Dustin.Pardini@asu.edu. Initial review of applications will begin on October 22, 2015. If the position is not filled, review will continue every week thereafter until the search is closed. A background check is required prior to employment.

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