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CENTER FOR  
**INDIGENOUS HEALTH  
RESEARCH AND POLICY**  
OSU Center for Health Sciences

Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Center for Indigenous Health Research and Policy

The Center for Indigenous Health Research and Policy (CIHRP) at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences is a leading research center for Indigenous health ([www.indigenoushealth.com](http://www.indigenoushealth.com)). Our annual research budget totals more than \$10 million and focuses on improving the health of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities through innovative health promotion and disease prevention efforts. We also house the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity, funded by the Office of Minority Health, and the newly-funded Indigenous Food Ecologies and Health Initiative. These efforts support community based participatory research in the areas of food sovereignty and food security, nutrition, mental health, cardiometabolic disease risk reduction, and culturally-centered intervention science.

We are seeking applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow in health promotion and disease prevention in Indigenous communities. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of interventions to reduce cardiometabolic disease risks including food system and food sovereignty interventions, nutrition, stress management, and culturally-centered Indigenous health and wellness initiatives.

The ideal candidate will have familiarity with community-based participatory research, conducting data collection and analysis, and writing manuscripts. The candidate will work directly with Indigenous communities in Oklahoma and across the United States. The candidate will be well supported in manuscript writing and presentations at national conferences. If interested, the fellow will also have support and opportunities for mentored grantsmanship (e.g., K-series applications).

University, and Environment: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences is located in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Mvskogee Creek Nation lands. Tulsa is a bustling small city, with an extensive trail and park system, and extensive dining and shopping opportunities. As an academic medical system, training and research are integrated with provision of clinical care through specialty clinics and in our hospital setting.

**Responsibilities:**

Postdoctoral fellow will assist with the following duties:

- a) engaging with Indigenous communities in community-based participatory research
- b) recruiting and retaining study participants in research trials
- c) manuscript preparation and submission
- d) data collection activities with Indigenous adults and children

e) data analysis

The fellow will have opportunities to work within a broad national network of Indigenous scholars and communities.

**Required:**

- DrPH or Ph.D. in Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, or a related discipline
- Applicants must have good scientific writing skills with a solid publication record, clinical research experience, and strong quantitative data analytic skills

**Preferences:**

- Applicants with experience working in the fields of intervention science, cardiometabolic disease risk reduction, nutrition, health promotion, and/or previous study coordination experience on Federally-funded studies will be given preference.

Work hours must be flexible to include evenings and weekends when necessary.

Environmental Hazards:

Typical office environment.

Physical Requirements:

Ability to lift and carry 8-10 pounds, stoop, reach, stand, walk, finger, grasp, feel, talk, hear, see, and perform repetitive motions with or without reasonable accommodations.

For more information or to apply, please email your curriculum vitae and cover letter to Dr. Valarie Blue Bird Jernigan, [bluebird.jernigan@okstate.edu](mailto:bluebird.jernigan@okstate.edu).