



Faculty Position in Cancer Control and Population Sciences Research

Division of Cancer Population Sciences, Department of Population Health Sciences, & Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

The University of Utah School of Medicine Department of Population Health Sciences (PHS) and Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) invite applications for an open rank, tenure-track faculty position in cancer control and population sciences. We seek outstanding, collaborative scientists in a number of areas including, but not limited to: cancer prevention (including behavioral interventions), cancer epidemiology (including expertise in geographic and neighborhood contextual factors, molecular, clinical, genetic, or environmental epidemiology), cancer survivorship and health outcomes, exercise and cancer, digital health, healthcare transformation, risk communication, implementation science, rural health, and health disparities. We are particularly interested in recruiting scientists with training and expertise in environmental epidemiology. We are looking for collaborative and engaged colleagues who are interested in advancing their career through interdisciplinary team science, working collaboratively with clinicians and experts across a spectrum of fields.

The University of Utah offers highly competitive salary and start-up packages and exceptional benefits. Applicants for Assistant Professor are expected to hold a PhD or MD/PhD (or equivalent), have received appropriate postdoctoral training and to have a track record of impact and research productivity. Applicants for senior positions should additionally have a proven record of independent funding and innovative research. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and the start date is flexible.

Questions about the position can be directed to the search committee chair, Dr. Jennifer Doherty, at jen.doherty@hci.utah.edu.

Applications must be submitted online at: <https://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/172971>

Required materials:

- Letter of interest (cover letter containing a description of professional experience including scientific accomplishments, leadership responsibilities and three references)
- CV
- Three-page research statement

About the Department of Population Health Sciences

The [Department of Population Health Sciences](#) is a hub for education, investigation and methodological expertise in population health. Through a diverse faculty in three Divisions, including Cancer Population Sciences, Biostatistics, and Health System Innovation & Research,

we provide expertise and infrastructure to advance capacity for impact-driven research and support clinical professionals in providing better patient and population-oriented care in an increasingly complex health care delivery system. Through our research, education, and community engagement activities, we promote patient-centered health care and the delivery of evidence-based health innovations that improve population health and reduce health disparities within our community. Through high impact research, we strive to contribute to a world where all individuals—regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, gender identity or sexuality—have the opportunity to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health. The department is highly interdisciplinary, collaborative, and innovative, and we seek faculty who will thrive in this environment.

The Department of Population Health Sciences is one of 26 departments in the School of Medicine in the Health Sciences Campus. The University of Utah Health (U of U Health) is a patient focused center distinguished by collaboration, excellence, leadership, and respect. The U of U Health values candidates who are committed to fostering and furthering the culture of compassion, collaboration, innovation, accountability, diversity, integrity, quality, and trust that is integral to our mission. The Health Sciences Campus is home to 23 Institutes and Centers including The Utah Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI; our NCATS funded CTSA), the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the Huntsman Mental Health Institute, the Nora Eccles Harrison Cardiovascular Research Institute, the Center for Medical Innovation, and the Utah Center on Aging.

About Huntsman Cancer Institute

[Huntsman Cancer Institute](#) is an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), supporting and fostering a vibrant cancer research enterprise in a highly collaborative environment. HCI has an outstanding history of academic achievement and impact and a commitment to excellence in patient care, research, teaching, and service. Our integrated health system and HCI's participation in the ORIEN network of leading cancer centers provide opportunities for multidisciplinary collaborations across basic and translational laboratory-based cancer research, epidemiology and biostatistics, as well as access to extensive biospecimen repositories. In addition, the University of Utah and HCI are home to superb shared resources, such as the Utah Population Database with more than 16 million records linking genealogies, health records, and vital statistics, as well as the [Utah Cancer Registry](#), which is a long-standing and preeminent SEER site. More information is available online for [U of U Health Cores](#) and [Cancer Center Shared Resources](#).

HCI has unparalleled depth in population sciences research, with a goal of working collaboratively with clinicians to perform practice-changing research. Major initiatives are ongoing in environmental health and exposure, digital healthcare, care delivery models and financial outcomes, and telehealth for rural and frontier populations. As part of our scientific mission of excellence, we also seek to positively impact the populations in our region; specifically the HCI catchment area of the five-state Mountain West (Utah, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho).

Email: hci.recruitment@hci.utah.edu

Work Environment

The Department of Population Health Sciences is dedicated to fostering a collaborative, empathetic, and respectful environment. Our active Workforce Engagement Committee ensures a dynamic learning atmosphere that nurtures intellectual curiosity and personal growth, enabling individuals to thrive and collectively achieve excellence. As a university and department, we are committed to supporting our faculty, staff and students to lead balanced lives while achieving success in their professions. The University of Utah is strongly committed to the training and mentoring of scientists that are underrepresented in science and medicine.

The University of Utah encompasses both the flagship university and the health sciences campus for the state, competes in the Big 12 conference, and is the largest research-intensive institution in the Mountain West. The university is located in Salt Lake City, which has been named one of the top 10 mid-sized American cities and is often ranked as one of the happiest places to live. Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas offer diverse neighborhoods, great schools, restaurants, arts and entertainment, and endless possibilities for sports and recreation. Salt Lake City is surrounded by the Wasatch Mountains, which offers ample opportunity for outdoor adventure, including nine ski resorts within an hour of campus. Utah is known for stunning natural wonders, including five National Parks, and world-class recreation for outdoor enthusiasts. [Learn more about living in Utah.](#)

HEALTH UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
Department of **POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCES**

\$27M in research expenditures in FY23

350+ Publications in FY23

38 Faculty (29 tenure, 8 research, 1 lecturer)

#15 National ranking in total NIH funding in FY23

8 years since department established

46 Trainees (3 Postdocs & 43 PhD Students)

Departmental Divisions

- Health Systems Innovation & Research
- Cancer Population Sciences
- Biostatistics

RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

- Health disparities
- Behavioral & digital health interventions
- Community prevention & outreach
- Implementation science
- Cancer & molecular epidemiology
- Pharmacoepidemiology
- Healthcare policy
- Health economics
- Health services research
- Quality of life
- Biostatistics

