TUFTS UNIVERSITY
BOSTON, MA

Position Title:
Postdoctoral Position in Nutrition Policy

Required/Preferred Education, Experience, Skills:

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Applicants must have a PhD/DrPH/ScD in epidemiology, nutrition, public health, economics, policy, decision science or similar field. An established track record of original, first-author, publications in one or more of these areas is essential. Candidates should have quantitative research skills, experience using Stata, SAS or R for both data management and analysis, excellent written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work independently and with collaborators.

Preferred education, experience and skills
The ideal candidate will have formal training in a combination of A: epidemiology, nutritional science or public health and B: economics and/or public policy. Experience in one or more of the following areas is preferred: policy modeling, policy development/implementation/evaluation, cost-effectiveness/cost-benefit analyses, meta-analysis/systematic reviews, and international nutrition (particularly for low- and middle-income countries). Experience interfacing with high-level stakeholders from NGOs and national/international agencies is also encouraged. Experience working in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Ghana would be helpful, as would experience elsewhere in sub-Saharan Africa or South Asia.

Duties & Responsibilities:
An outstanding candidate is sought to work on an original research project supported by the Gates Foundation evaluating the cost-effectiveness of various policy strategies on reducing the burden of under-nutrition in low- and middle-income countries. He/she will work with the Principal Investigator and the research team to synthesize evidence for the effectiveness of potential policy actions, model the impact of policies on nutritional status and health, and to estimate the cost of implementing these policies. The ultimate goal of this work is to identify the nutrition policies that can most effectively and efficiently improve population health. This study will provide innovative and highly relevant findings.

In addition to this project, candidates will have the opportunity to participate in additional research given their experience and interests. Examples may include conducting epidemiologic analyzes in prospective cohort studies or modeling the impact of policies on health (both the US and internationally).

The research program and training will be directed by Dariush Mozaffarian, Dean of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy at Tufts University. The incumbent will work with a multi-disciplinary team, including epidemiologists, decision scientists, and economists, and will also have the opportunity to interface with international experts and stakeholders. Major emphasis will be placed on leading original analyses and manuscripts, career development, and transition toward an independent research career. A competitive salary, benefits, and travel/educational opportunities in the interdisciplinary environment at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy are offered.

The fellowship is for a one year period with renewal conditional on performance. Position available immediately. The ability to work in the US is required in order to apply for this position.

Application Instructions:
To apply, please send a research statement, CV, contact information for three references, and one sample publication by email to Ashley Wright: Ashley.Wright@tufts.edu . Applications will be considered as they arrive.