

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
**Maine Medical Center**  
**Portland, ME**  
**Full Time, Days**

Maine Medical Center is seeking a **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** for a well-established and growing early psychosis clinic and research program in Portland, Maine. Portland is an idyllic, affordable community rich in cultural opportunities, under 2 hours from Boston and 6 hours from New York, and identified as one of the best places to live in the United States.

**Start date is flexible between December, 2019 and August, 2020 and the position will remain open until the right candidate is found.**

The position, working closely with [Dr. Kristen Woodberry](#) at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute, will include a rich combination of clinical work and research with adolescents and young adults in the first couple years of a psychotic disorder or at clinical high risk for psychosis. The affiliated SAMHSA-funded first episode program, [PIER](#), provides coordinated specialty care including multifamily group psychoeducation, CBT for psychosis, case management, supported education and employment, and peer mentorship.

The Research Fellow conducts a variety of complex research procedures and is able to conduct independent research in consultation with the principal investigator. The research fellow has a sufficient level of experience, expertise and independence to conduct a defined research project and report results in a peer reviewed forum.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience and be looking to develop an independent research career in early psychosis, but will have opportunity to complete hours for licensing and obtain specialized training in assessment and early psychosis treatments. The current research program is focused on three project areas: 1) identifying dynamic predictors of psychosis, clinical trajectories, and suicide risk using experience sampling; 2) establishing psychosis screening norms for adolescents and screening protocols for use in primary care settings; and 3) development of videogame-based interventions for youth at risk for or in the first years of a psychotic disorder. Opportunities are also available to work with collaborative projects and databases, including studies of stigma, autism, social functioning, and social context. The person hired will have a major role in the experience sampling study, and will be supported in taking leadership, publishing, and seeking independent funding for research within these project areas or in a complementary area.

**Essential Functions**

- Conducts complex research procedures and analyses using a variety of techniques and instrumentation. The research fellow may serve as an institute resource as a principal user or expert in a specialized instrument or technology.
- Collaborates with the PI and other institute investigators as part of the overall responsibility for project inception and completion.
- Participates in the training of undergraduates, summer students and institute personnel at all levels in the research fellow's area of expertise.
- Stays current in literature relevant to area of research interest and expertise. May present research results at regional or national conferences.

- May provide substantial input, both data and its interpretation, in the preparation of both manuscripts and grants.
- Will be proactive in identifying, reporting and participating in the resolution of any potential or actual patient safety issues.
- Prepares advanced training of personnel in the use of key technology or software.
- Interprets and presents research results in manuscript form where the research fellow has been the principal participant in a research project.

**Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. in the social sciences or other relevant field.
- Communication skills to present research results at regional and national research conferences.
- Demonstrated level of independence to perform research responsibilities.

**The ideal candidate will have the following:**

- A Recent Ph.D. in clinical psychology or related field.
- Training and/or experience with adolescents and young adults and with individuals experiencing psychotic symptoms and mood or psychotic disorders.
- Specific training and experience in specialized early psychosis clinical care or research.
- Training and experience with structured clinical assessments commonly used with early psychosis populations such as the Structured Clinical Interview of DSM-IV or 5 Disorders (SCID), the Structured Interview of Psychosis-risk Syndromes (SIPS), the Comprehensive Assessment of At-Risk Mental States (CAARMS), the Schizophrenia Proneness Instrument, Adult (SPIA) or Child and Youth (SPICY) versions, the Global Functioning Social and Role Scales (GF-S, GF-R).
- Specific training or experience in experience sampling, research into the biological correlates of affect or affect variability, sleep, psychosis screening, primary and integrated care, clinical trials, suicide risk or self-harm research, or therapeutic videogames.
- Strong statistical analysis skills and capacity to learn and apply new analytic techniques.

To apply, please click [here](#) or visit [www.careersatmainehealth.org](http://www.careersatmainehealth.org).

**About Maine Medical Center**

Maine Medical Center is a complete healthcare resource for the people of greater Portland, the entire state of Maine and Northern New England. With a history dating back to 1864, Maine Medical Center is the state's largest medical center and the flagship facility of MaineHealth, with 637 beds and more than 7,000 employees. In addition, we have achieved Magnet™ status in recognition of our commitment to the highest standards of nursing excellence. Maine Medical Center's unique role as both a community hospital and a referral center requires an unparalleled depth and breadth of services, including the state's only medical school, through a +partnership with Tufts University School of Medicine, and a world-class biomedical research center, the Maine Medical Center Research Institute.

Inside and out, you'll find what you're looking for when you join Maine Medical Center. As the largest hospital in northern New England, MMC is committed to helping you grow professionally throughout your career. From tuition assistance and scholarships, to ongoing education, leadership training, mentoring and promotion opportunities, we offer the resources you need to achieve your career goals.

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