Invitation to apply for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Sustainable Community and Local Environments Research at San Francisco State University

SF BUILD (http://sfbuild.sfsu.edu/) – a pioneering NIH funded training grant for increasing diversity in biomedical science at San Francisco State University (SF State) and at its partner institution, the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) – invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Sustainable Community Research. This two-year position is renewable for up to four years of total funding and may begin as early as June 2015.

This Postdoctoral Fellowship is associated with the Sustainable Community and Local Environments (SCALLS) Research Group. We are a political ecology group broadly interested in environment and community health. We explore topics such as indicators of neighborhood health, environmental justice, urban agriculture and access to food, social cohesion and civic engagement.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with a team of undergraduate and graduate students, under the direct supervision of Dr. Tendai Chitewere, in the Department of Geography & Environment at San Francisco State University. The successful candidate will be expected to collaborate in generating mixed methods research designs, collecting and analyzing data, and co-authoring peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations. This position would especially benefit individuals who wish to pursue social science research in biomedicine.

Qualifications:
The candidate must possess a Ph.D. in geography, anthropology, public health or a closely related field, and have a proven record of community-based research, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, and experience working with diverse populations. Candidates should possess excellent qualitative skills, conceptual and theoretical rigor, and innovative thinking. Additional background in quantitative research methods a plus.

Salary and Appointment:
This Postdoctoral Fellowship position is a full-time, salaried, and benefited position at San Francisco State University. The two-year position is annually renewable, contingent, in part, on performance and grant funding, which is guaranteed until 2019. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications of the candidate.

Application Procedure:
To apply for the SF BUILD Postdoctoral Fellowship position, please submit the following materials to SF BUILD Program Administrator, Dr. Audrey Parangan-Smith (audreygp@sfsu.edu) via email:

- A cover letter explaining your qualification for and interest in the position (Not to exceed two pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Names of three professional references and their relationship to you, their current positions, phone and email address.

Review of applications will begin on May 15, 2015, and will continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Tendai Chitewere, Community Liaison SF BUILD, Associate Professor of Geography, Department of Geography & Environment, San Francisco State University (tendai@sfsu.edu).

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