

DIRECTOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY DATA CENTER

The Department of Epidemiology at the Graduate School of Epidemiology of Public Health (GSPH), University of Pittsburgh is seeking a senior epidemiologist/biostatistician for position as Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Epidemiology Data Center (EDC).

The Epidemiology Data Center was established in 1980 as a section of the Department of Epidemiology in the Graduate School of Public Health and is recognized as an official university center at the University of Pittsburgh. The EDC was founded by Katherine M. Detre, MD, DrPH and has been involved in over 100 research studies sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Presently the EDC coordinates data management and analysis activities for 28 research projects sponsored by federal agencies, as well as industry. The current studies represent a variety of scientific designs including clinical trials, registries, and case control studies. The successful coordination of our research requires that we facilitate global communication and participation of institutions worldwide. The EDC employs 22 faculty, 82 full-time staff, 20 part-time and student employees. A variety of academic backgrounds and fields of expertise are represented including physicians, biostatisticians, applied mathematical statisticians, epidemiologists, nurses, systems analysts, programmers, data managers, data entry personnel, and administrative personnel. Over the past 27 years the EDC total project budget from public funds exceeded \$131, 040,528 (\$129,845,594 is funding from the National Institutes of Health) and EDC project funds from industry exceeded \$3,512,639.

The mission statement of the EDC is to provide a research environment in which complex health questions can be explored and answered using the combined tools of biology and statistics. The EDC establishes collaborations with clinicians to design, conduct, and analyze the data from multi-center, randomized clinical trials and epidemiologic cohort studies. To contribute to the development of new knowledge, the EDC develops and refines data collection, data management, computing, and statistical methods, with the ultimate goal of advancing treatment and prevention of disease. A more detailed description of the EDC may be found at the website: http://www.edc.pitt.edu/EDC-Guide_2006.pdf .

The individual we seek will have extensive experience in clinical trials, registries and data coordinating centers. The successful candidate will be a recognized scientist in clinical epidemiology with experience in designing and conducting large multi-center randomized controlled trials, including coordination, data management and international collaboration. Additionally the individual will possess, strong leadership and interpersonal skills, and be able to mentor and teach. A proven track record of external funding is required. This is a full-time tenured appointment at the professor level. As part of this new Directorship, the University has made a commitment to provide significant resources to the position.

The Department of Epidemiology at the Graduate School of Public Health has a central theme "Teaching and Prevention through Quality Research", and is thus heavily involved in both Research and Prevention activities which are incorporated into the teaching experience to provide a practical and clinically relevant educational experience. The Department has 50 faculty members and over 125 students and in FY 2003, received approximately \$35,000,000 in research funds. A more detailed description of the Department of Epidemiology may be found at the website: <http://www.epidemiology.pitt.edu/> .

The Graduate School of Public Health is the first and largest fully accredited school of public health in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is one of the top-ranked schools of public health in the United States. A

member of the Association of Schools of Public Health, GSPH, for the third straight year, ranks third among schools of public health in NIH research funding and is the leading state-related public health school. (Harvard and Johns Hopkins, both private universities, rank first and second, respectively.) In fiscal year 2003, GSPH received NIH research grants of \$44.9 million, which represented an increase of about 45 percent over four years. Total estimated external funding to GSPH faculty from all sources in fiscal year 2005 is \$96 million. A more detailed description of the GSPH may be found at the website: <http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/>.

Western Pennsylvania has much to offer and provides an atmosphere that allows for a high quality of life. Pittsburgh is often called the friendly city reflecting the small town, big city mixed environment with friendly communities, good schools, reasonable real estate, professional sports and diverse cultural activities.

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