Post-Doctoral Fellow in Occupational Injury and Disability Research

The Department of Work Environment, School of Health & Environment, University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) seeks a post-doctoral fellow in occupational injury or disability research. This is a full-time, benefitted position with funding for an initial period of one year. Pending satisfactory performance, the position is typically extended to two years. The primary goal of the program is to develop the research careers of recent doctoral graduates with a focus on workplace injury or disability, through a program that encourages creativity and independent discovery in a collaboration between two research institutions with extensive records of accomplishment in these fields.

The post-doctoral researcher will conduct ergonomics, occupational safety, occupational injury epidemiology, or disability and return to work research in close collaboration with research scientists at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety (LMRIS) in Hopkinton, MA as well as with faculty in the Department of Work Environment at UMass Lowell. Duties will include original research, publishing in the peer-reviewed scientific literature, participating in seminars and work groups, and collaborating on research grant applications. He/she will spend roughly equal amounts of time in residence at each institution.

The successful applicant will have a doctoral degree in epidemiology, occupational health, safety or disability research, or a related field. The candidate will have less than five years’ post-doctorate experience, a demonstrated record of individual initiative and originality in research, strong analytic skills, and potential to become an independent academic researcher within two to three years. Preference will be given to applicants whose training, skills and research interests match the research interests of mentors at LMRIS and UMass Lowell. For more information, go to www.uml.edu/SHE/WE/ and www.libertymutualgroup.com/researchinstitute.

The annual salary is $50,000, plus a generous benefits package. This position is contingent upon funding. Applications should include cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, names of three references, and a brief description (1000 to 1500 words) of proposed research under the fellowship. Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2012. Applicants should contact faculty/researchers at LMRIS and UMass Lowell to identify and develop their proposed research. It is expected that the proposed research will reflect the results of communications with potential mentors at both institutions. To apply online, go to https://jobs.uml.edu/ and search for job reference number 0080731. For questions on the application process, please contact UMass Lowell Human Resources at careers@uml.edu.