



The University of Vermont

The Osher Center for Integrative Health at UVM and the Larner College of Medicine's Health Services Research Center seek an exceptional scientist for a new Postdoctoral Fellowship in Integrative Health Services Research. This postdoc will contribute to studies in the areas of comprehensive pain management, planetary health, rural health, integrative health effectiveness, translational medicine, and/or implementation science.

About the position:

The postdoc will have a joint appointment in the UVM Larner College of Medicine's Health Services Research Center (HSRC) and the Osher Center for Integrative Health (OCIH). Depending on the person's interest, the postdoc will engage in: analysis of secondary and administrative data, including complex survey data and health care claims; primary data collection via survey and/or focus groups; and/or geographic analyses and mapping. Topical areas of interest for the Health Services Research Center include health care access; rural health; telehealth; health insurance coverage; health policy; cancer prevention; and behavioral health. The Osher Center for Integrative Health's research areas include: Group Medical Visits, Comprehensive Pain Care, Integrative Oncology, Integrative Health & Wellness Coaching, Planetary Health, Employee Wellness, and Culinary Medicine.

The postdoc's primary advisor will be Dr. Erika Ziller, Director of Health Services Research. The postdoc will be a coinvestigator on OCHI/HSR studies and will have the opportunity to propose and lead additional analyses. We expect the postdoc to publish findings in peer-reviewed journals and present them at regional and national conferences and will ensure that they have the resources to do so. The postdoc will also have the opportunity to develop research funding proposals and will receive support for planning career development applications.

The position is for one year with an extension for up to two additional years pending satisfactory progress. Minimum salary will be \$56,400 and will be commensurate with prior experience. We offer excellent benefits and a \$5,000 per year discretionary fund for research costs and travel. The postdoc will be eligible for professional development opportunities sponsored by the Larner College of Medicine, including the Northern New England Clinical and Translational Research Center. Expected start date is June 3, 2024, although earlier or later start dates are possible.

Eligibility:

Candidates must have completed their PhD, ScD, or an equivalent doctoral degree in health services research, epidemiology, health economics, public health, public policy, or related fields by the expected start date and no earlier than 5 years before it. Competitive candidates will have strong statistical analysis skills, experience with complex survey data or administrative health data (health care claims, preferred), experience with geographic software, a strong record of writing and publishing their work, and an interest in research topics that complement the HSRC and/or OCHI areas of excellence. Remote candidates will be considered.

Application:

Interested candidates should email Dr. Erika Ziller at erika.ziller@med.uvm.edu with any questions and/or with your application materials. Applications require a cover letter, C.V., and contact information for references. (We will contact the references of finalists only.) Your cover letter should be a maximum of 2 pages and should highlight your interest in the OCHI, HSRC, and UVM, why your background is a good fit, and how your background,

research, and/or experience would contribute to a diverse and inclusive environment at UVM. Applications will be evaluated on the candidate's experience, fit with the project, academic excellence and commitment and contributions to diversity and inclusiveness. **Review of applications will begin March 21, 2024 and will continue until the position is filled.**

Diversity and Inclusion:

The Larner College of Medicine and UVM strive to build an inclusive environment where diverse voices and perspectives are active and welcome. Diversity and inclusion are essential to our mission(s) and central to our programs' vision for health equity and universal access to high quality, person-centered health care. We believe that cultural humility enhances clinical effectiveness, informs research and results in effective interaction in cross-cultural situations. We encourage applicants who bring diverse perspectives to our community. We define "diversity" as the full spectrum of cultural and socioeconomic affiliations that characterize individuals within society, and "inclusion" as valuing the contributions of that diversity to our work and community.

Voluntary Demographic Information:

The voluntary demographic information requested is used to assist us in record keeping and reporting. It will be kept separate from your application and will be used for statistical compilation and analysis.

About the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine

In October 2022, the Bernard Osher Foundation recognized UVM's tremendous work and excellence in the field and established the **Osher Center for Integrative Health at UVM**, one of 11 Osher Centers for Integrative Health across the United States and Europe. As part of the **Osher Collaborative**, we actively connect and share resources and materials with experts working in a variety of clinical, research, education, or policy-related efforts in integrative health across the institution and around the region. We encourage our members to serve as expert academic resources for our colleagues in the use of evidence-based integrative health within our healthcare system. Our mission is to advance whole-person integrative health through education, clinical care, research, and policy. <https://www.uvm.edu/osher>

About the Health Services Research Center

The Health Services Research Center is housed in the Larner College of Medicine. HSRC faculty and staff are engaged in studies that promote the health of diverse populations and the effective and equitable delivery of health care services. Working closely with partners across Northern New England, including the University of Vermont Health Network (<https://www.uvmhealth.org/>), the HSRC has a strong commitment to rural health and health equity.

About UVM

Since 1791, the University of Vermont has worked to move humankind forward. Today, UVM is a Public Ivy and top 100 research university of a perfect size, large enough to offer a breadth of ideas, resources, and opportunities, yet small enough to enable close faculty-student mentorship across all levels of study. Here, educational experiences and activities are enriched by our location — from the energy and innovation of Burlington to the forests, farms, and independent spirit of Vermont. UVM provides endless ways to explore the world, challenge ideas, and dig in on the most pressing issues of our time.

Learn more about [Burlington, Vermont](#), a top college town known for its livability, access to nature and recreation, thriving food scene, and rising identity as a technology and innovation hub.