



The University of Vermont
LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Behavioral/Communication Scientist Postdoctoral Fellow: University of Vermont

The University of Vermont Conversation Lab at the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont is seeking applicants for a postdoctoral fellow to join our interdisciplinary lab. Our lab mission is to understand and promote human connection in serious illness and we use diverse methods and approaches, ranging from applying complex conversational analytics to implementing behavioral interventions. This position will offer didactic and experiential mentorship in grant preparation, project management, data analysis and manuscript writing. Support is provided for conference travel, registration fees, and other training related activities. Opportunities also exist to collaborate within a rural health care system and a growing cancer center. The University of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and people from diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds are encouraged.

Primary job duties would involve quantitative and qualitative data analysis and manuscript preparation for ongoing research studies under the supervision of Dr. Maija Reblin (with collaboration by Dr. Bob Gramling). The first, and primary (~80% of total effort), is focused on an NIH-funded cancer caregiver self-management intervention. A second (~20% of total effort) will involve analyses of existing clinical conversation datasets from several clinical contexts, including palliative care consultations, psychedelic assisted therapy, and storytelling encounters. The successful candidate will be working with Vermont Conversation Lab colleagues with medical, nursing, oncology, palliative care, engineering, and psychology backgrounds, as well as mentorship in developing an independent grant proposal (i.e. R03 or career development award).

Minimum Qualifications:

Doctoral level-training and research experience in an area including, but not limited to: caregiving, psycho-oncology, interpersonal communication, rural health, epidemiology or health outcomes. The ideal candidate will be proficient in quantitative analysis (e.g. dyadic analysis using HLM or SEM; multivariate analysis) and data management, and have outstanding interpersonal and written communication skills.

Desirable Qualifications:

Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of an interprofessional team is highly desirable. Qualitative or mixed-methods analysis skills also desired.

Job Duties:

Oversee organization, synthesis and analysis of data and findings.
Prepare scientific reports and independently lead manuscripts.
Coordinate research study activities, lead and manage projects.
Engage in the preparation of grant submissions.
Participate in meetings.
Collaborate with and supervise research staff.

To Apply:

Send a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Maija Reblin at majja.reblin@med.uvm.edu
Review of applications will begin immediately. Applications accepted until the position is filled.