Faculty Hire Announcement

The University of Colorado School of Medicine (SOM) Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative (FIPI) seeks external candidates for multiple faculty positions at the rank of instructor, assistant professor, or associate professor. Candidates should have a doctorate degree (e.g., PhD, MD/DO, ScD, DrPH, EdD) and be committed to building an externally-funded program of research in prevention of firearm injury and death. Candidates may be in their final year of doctoral studies or be post-doctoral fellows (including in programs at University of Colorado). Competitive candidates will have a track record of publications, presentations, and grant funding.

The SOM is located on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado, which is the largest academic health center and research institution between Chicago, Texas, and the West Coast. The University attracts over $1.45 billion in sponsored research funding annually and is the only completely new patient care, education, and research facility in the nation. FIPI aims to conduct and disseminate research on effective approaches to reduce injury and death, design resources and tools for practice, mentor future firearm injury prevention professionals, and work alongside local communities to develop effective and relevant solutions.

For this faculty opening, research domains of interest include: all types of firearm-related injury (e.g., suicide/self-harm, intimate partner violence, community/interpersonal violence, police violence, mass/school shootings); disparities in firearm injury occurrence or outcomes; and approaches to prevention of firearm injury or its associated psychological harm (e.g., intervention, policy, education, criminal justice, built environment). Research may be in any relevant discipline, at any socio-ecological level, and at any stage on the spectrum of translational research. We are particularly interested in candidates focused on community violence, intimate partner violence, and firearm-related policy research.

Faculty will have an appointment in the SOM; the home unit will be determined by the candidate’s background and field of work. Faculty will be expected to work with FIPI in its core activities in education and training, research and evaluation, and collaboration with affected communities. While faculty will primarily be focused on research, the SOM also expects engagement in teaching or
education, whether of on-campus learners or public audiences. Candidates with a clinical background are encouraged and may have clinical commitments as part of their position.

FIPI offers opportunities for faculty to develop or expand their independent research program, including through pilot grants, engagement with students and postdoctoral fellows, administrative and analyst support, connection to other researchers and to affected communities, and assistance with dissemination of findings.

Faculty can partner with current FIPI researchers on ongoing projects spanning varied settings (e.g., hospital-based violence intervention programs, public school districts, healthcare, the VA and Veteran-serving organizations, urban and rural communities, military bases), varied methodological approaches (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, policy, intervention development and testing), and in collaboration with varied partners (e.g., state health department, law enforcement, firearm ranges/retailers, community-based violence prevention organizations, Veterans Health Administration). Competitive applicants will have experience in and passion for working in multidisciplinary, collaborative teams.

Interested individuals should submit:
- A cover letter describing how they would contribute to the Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative and identifying potential home department(s)/unit(s) in the SOM
- A current CV
- A research statement describing experience, approach, and planned trajectory (2 page maximum)
- A teaching statement describing experience, approach, and planned trajectory (1 page maximum)
- A statement describing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (1 page maximum)

The University of Colorado is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and is strongly committed to increasing diversity and inclusion of underrepresented groups.

Candidates will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Questions and materials should be submitted to firearm.injury@cuanschutz.edu.