

SOPH GA Position Announcement
John D. Bower School of Population Health
University of Mississippi Medical Center

The Department of Population Health Science, in collaboration with the Department of Preventive Medicine, has an opening for one graduate assistantship with a competitive stipend consistent with the NIH's allowable rate and some offset of tuition. This position is competitive and not need-based. The graduate assistant will be matched with faculty leading the evaluation of the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) and will experience first-hand implementation science. The evaluation of the MDPP is in partnership with the American Medical Association.

Interested candidates are invited to apply up until the deadline, June 1, 2022. The graduate assistantship will begin on August 1, 2022, and will be evaluated each semester, with continuation contingent on acceptable performance. Information regarding the Master's degree program in population health can be found [here](#).

The [MDPP](#) is based on the [National Diabetes Prevention Program](#), an evidence-based lifestyle change program disseminated and monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The group-based program is delivered by a trained Lifestyle Coach to facilitate participant-driven behavior changes leading to 5% weight loss and 150-minutes of physical activity per week. The program is for 12-months consisting of 16-core sessions (delivered in the first 6-months) and 6-maintenance sessions (delivered in the latter 6-months). Sessions are 60-minutes each.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Earned Bachelor's degree
- Demonstrate aptitude for scholarly writing
- Awards are contingent upon acceptance into a Population Health Master's degree program at the John D. Bower School of Population Health. The [application](#) deadline is June 1, 2022.

Expectations:

- The position is in-person, and presence on the UMMC campus is required. A working space with a desktop computer and monitor will be provided.
- Awardees will be expected to remain in good academic and professional standing in accord with the [SOPH policies, procedures, and behavioral standards](#).
- Students on a Leave of Absence beyond one academic semester who withdraw from their academic program or perform below Good Academic standing forfeit their Award.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Deliver the Medicare National Diabetes Prevention Program

- Manage referrals and chart patients' participation and progress in an electronic medical record
- Community engagement and outreach
- Research evaluation
- Data monitoring, data reduction, and reporting

Skills Training:

- Protection of human subjects
- Lifestyle Coach training
- Implementation evaluation
- Population health management using electronic medical records
- Building and sustaining collaborative partnerships

Award:

- \$34,500 stipend per annum for 2-years (20-hours per week). Awardees do not receive paid leave or benefits and taxes must be paid by the individual.
- \$1,500 in tuition per semester for up to 4 semesters (\$6,000)

Application:

- Interested candidates should complete their online application on or before the June 1, 2022 deadline. A complete application packet includes a resume or curriculum vitae; a personal statement; and three letters of recommendation emailed by the referee directly to PopHealth@umc.edu by the application deadline with the Subject: MDPP GA – Last Name of Applicant.
 - **Personal statement.** 350 words or less.
 - What makes you unique and a strong candidate for this Award? (4 – 6 sentences)
 - How have your lived experiences shaped your life choices? (4 – 6 sentences)
 - What led to your interest in diabetes prevention? (4 – 6 sentences)
 - What are your future career goals? (4 – 6)

[Click here](#) to complete your application for this GA Position.

Please direct all questions to Dr. Abigail Gamble agamble2@umc.edu.