Applications are invited for two-year postdoctoral fellowship position, beginning July 2019, under the mentorship of Dr. Luana Marques, Director of Community Psychiatry PRIDE within the Department of Psychiatry at MGH, and Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School. Community Psychiatry PRIDE is a dissemination and implementation (D&I) research center with a mission to reduce mental health disparities in ethnic and racially diverse communities. As such, Community Psychiatry PRIDE focuses on developing strategies for increasing access and improving quality of care for mental health problems in these communities. Through community-based participatory research strategies, Community Psychiatry PRIDE has formed several strong academic-community partnerships. Research projects focus on the implementation of evidence-based treatments (EBTs) for mental health problems.

The fellow will be directly involved in ongoing D&I research projects, including two new projects studying the implementation of an innovative Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) curriculum in high schools utilizing paraprofessionals for intervention delivery, and a comprehensive qualitative assessment of barriers and facilitators to the adoption of a smoking cessation program for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) in the greater Boston area. The fellow will also gain experience in conducting research on cultural adaptation of EBTs, clinical effectiveness trials, implementation trials, and community-based participatory research. The fellow will have access to large epidemiological datasets and will be afforded the opportunity to gain skills in predictive epidemiological modeling of health disparities. With close mentorship from Dr. Marques and field-based learning, the fellow will develop expertise in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods data collection, analysis, and integration.

Program website: https://www.massgeneral.org/psychiatry/research/researchlab.aspx?id=1732

The fellowship has a strong emphasis on translational research, and ideal candidates are individuals interested in pursuing an academic career. To support career development in research, fellows will receive protected research time and grant-writing mentorship. Fellows are expected to make significant contributions to the research productivity of the lab, including preparation of manuscripts as well as submitting for extramural funding (for their own research and for the lab).

The fellow will be considered for a joint Harvard Medical School appointment (appointment is not guaranteed). The candidate would preferably have a PhD or DrPH in Epidemiology, Community Health, or related disciplines with an interest in implementation science, diversity, community mental health, and/or health disparities. Salary is competitive with excellent benefits. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest (addressed to Dr. Luana Marques), curriculum vitae, list of three references, and a writing sample (preferably a published manuscript) to lmarques@mgh.harvard.edu (and cc kpatrick6@mgh.harvard.edu). The application deadline is rolling through April 15, 2019. Materials will be reviewed as they are received, and preference will be given to applicants who submit their materials in a timely manner.