



UNIVERSITY of  
**ROCHESTER**

## **Post-Doctoral Position: Public Health Sciences/Lupus Health Equity**

**PROJECT:** The Williams laboratory is in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. The lab focuses on the role of social relationships in the promotion of disease self-management among underrepresented populations disproportionately impacted by systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Over the past several years our work on behavioral interventions for people with lupus has resulted in increased identification and understanding of risk factors for diminished health outcomes across the health disparities spectrum, in the areas of stress levels and cardiovascular disease in women of color with lupus, and community-based participatory research. Sustained lupus research funding began with the Buffalo Lupus Project, which was part of a 5-year federally funded community-based participatory research investigation of asthma and autoimmune diseases in minority communities of Buffalo, NY. This led to a Pfizer Fellowship in Health Disparities and NIAMS K01, which both examined whether uniquely tailored intervention programs could: (1) improve quality of life, (2) decrease indicators of depression, and (3) reduce perceived and biological indicators of stress in African American lupus patients. Most recently, a NINR R01 investigated whether a new, culturally tailored peer mentoring intervention improves disease self-management, indicators of disease activity, and quality of life in African American women with SLE.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Under the direction of the principal investigator, the post-doc designs, conducts, and analyzes lupus research while receiving advanced training in professional skills and research independence. The post-doc may develop new ideas to further current research. Prepares writing and figures for scientific manuscripts. May train and supervise other research staff and students. The initial appointment is for one year, with renewal possible if satisfactory and funds are available. Appointments cannot exceed two years. We are particularly interested in a postdoctoral candidate with research experience in lupus, women's health, and randomized controlled trials. Experience with qualitative data and interest in technological approaches to intervention delivery is a plus. This position is available immediately.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Doctoral degree or equivalent (Ph.D., M.D., ScD., D.V.M., DDS) in Immunology, Epidemiology, Public Health, and/or related field. Excellent scientific writing and oral communication skills, proven ability to present and publish research data, and ability to work effectively with colleagues are required.

**LOCATION:** The laboratory is within the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Rochester (UR). Rochester is an affordable city of 200,000 people in upstate New York with easy access to the Finger Lakes Region. By car, 1 hour from Buffalo, 3 hours from Toronto, and 5 hours from New York City. The University of Rochester has an active Postdoc Association that provides a highly enriched environment for postdocs including career development workshops and social opportunities to get to know other postdocs. More information about postdoc activities and opportunities are available on this webpage: <https://ccc.rochester.edu/pda/home/>

UR is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of equity and inclusion. The University believes that a diverse workforce and inclusive workplace culture enhance the performance of our organization and our ability to fulfill our important missions. The University is committed to fostering and supporting a workplace culture inclusive of people regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, marital status, age, physical abilities, political affiliation, religious beliefs or any other non-merit fact, so that all employees feel included, equal valued and supported.

Please send CV and cover letter to [Edith\\_Williams@urmc.Rochester.edu](mailto:Edith_Williams@urmc.Rochester.edu)