

THREE Occupational Epidemiology TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in becoming an Occupational Epidemiology trainee?

The Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH) Education and Research Center (ERC) invites you to apply for THREE competitive traineeships available to doctoral level trainees who are interested in occupational epidemiology. As an “Occ Epi” trainee, you will be expected to take relevant coursework including topics such as occupational epidemiology, industrial hygiene, injury epidemiology, and advanced biostatistics and epidemiologic methods, and your dissertation should focus in a pertinent “Occ Epi” area. As a trainee, it is expected that you participate in SWCOEH activities such as seminars, symposiums and journal clubs and acknowledge the support that has been received from the ERC in any presentation or publication that arises during your traineeship. The traineeship includes an annual stipend, coverage of tuition and fees, and a modest travel allotment. Full-time student status is required.

What is Occupational Epidemiology?

Occupational epidemiology is a fundamental science of occupational health and safety. More specifically, it is a science that applies epidemiologic methods to identify diseases and injuries that result from workplace exposures. Please find more information about the traineeship program [here](#).

What is the SWCOEH?

The [SWCOEH](#) is one of 18 National Institute Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) university-based Education and Research Centers ([ERCs](#)) in the U.S. “ERCs were established to assist the selected institutions to develop and/or expand existing occupational health and safety training programs and to provide continuing education courses for specialists currently practicing in the field”. Elaine Symanski, PhD and Janelle Rios, PhD serve as Center Director and Deputy Director of the SWCOEH, respectively. See the list of affiliated [faculty](#) at the UTSPH ERC for research areas available. Trainees are required to have an affiliated faculty member named as their academic advisor and dissertation supervisor (this may imply switching current advisor if applicants have already one).

What are the requirements?

Application requirements:

- Resume / CV
- Statement of research interests
- Current transcript and, if available, comment cards

Eligibility requirements:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- MPH, MS or equivalent in Epidemiology
- PhD student in Epidemiology

Trainee requirements:

- Follow the Occupational Epidemiology Curriculum ([here](#)) and comply with the overall UTSPH requirements.
- Participate in interdisciplinary activities (e.g., attend field trips, scheduled seminars).
- Maintain an academic e-portfolio.
- Publish dissertation (with preferred manuscript format of dissertation).

How do I apply?

Submit application materials via email to Dr. Gimeno (David.Gimeno@uth.tmc.edu). **Deadline for submission: Thursday, Sept 10, 2015 by 5pm.** We especially encourage applications from members of underrepresented minorities, and persons with disabilities. Appointment will be based on merit alone. Once materials are reviewed, we will conduct an interview with qualified candidates. The final selected candidate will receive notification of acceptance in the program. All applicants will be informed by e-mail of the outcome of their application.

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