



"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."

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CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

CHET is Hiring!

We are delighted to announce our next round of opportunities for stellar candidates to join our collaborative and transformative research and training environment. Please share this announcement with appropriate center/departmental listservs and/or relevant individuals.

Open-rank, Tenure-Track Regular Title Series Faculty Positions, University of Kentucky's Center for Health Equity Transformation

We are seeking Assistant, Associate, or Full Professors for tenure track, Regular Title Series, full time (12 month) positions in the Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET) in the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky. We seek health equity researchers with a dynamic, productive research agenda that aims to eliminate inequities in cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, substance use, or other health conditions. The Center for Health Equity Transformation is a transdisciplinary research center focused on developing the most innovative and impactful research and training portfolio. This position is part of a university-college-wide interdisciplinary cluster hire in health equity.

The ideal candidate maintains a focus on rural, racial/ethnic, and other vulnerable populations; aspires to engage in research mentorship, and contributes to a vibrant environment of scholars from the behavioral sciences, public health, social sciences, communication, health services research, biomedical informatics, health sciences (nursing, medicine, nutrition, etc.), and others, and will have NIH-funded research or a very strong promise of such funding. Special emphasis is placed on intervention, dissemination, and implementation scientists.

All career stages are welcome to apply on the UK Jobs website under requisition FE02693 at <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/341854>.

Application review begins September 1, 2021 and will continue until filled.

Save the Date: 2021 SPARK Applications

CHET is pleased to announce recruitment for the third cohort of the Students Participating as Ambassadors for Research in Kentucky (SPARK) program. SPARK is a dynamic collaboration between the Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET) and the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) with a purpose of recruiting and training a diverse cohort of undergraduate students from traditionally underrepresented

backgrounds and communities across the UK campus to conduct impactful research to improve health disparities.

Applications will be accepted from **September 1 – October 1, 2021**. Please share this announcement with your undergraduate students, faculty mentors, and other groups connected to undergraduate research. Additional information about the application process and opportunities to learn about this year's program will be shared in the coming weeks.

You can find information about previous cohorts here: <https://chet.med.uky.edu/chet-spark-program>.



Undergraduate student mentored research opportunities!

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CHET Core Faculty Member Featured in UK Podcast

Dr. Lauren Whitehurst, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Core Faculty Member, was recently featured in Episode 13 of the UK Becoming Wildly Resilient Podcast, "Sleep Is Not a Luxury." Dr. Whitehurst discussed her research on the connection between sleep and emotions, and the role of sleep in resiliency.

You can listen to the episode [here](#)

CHET Social Media Accounts

If you haven't already, please Like and follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UKYCHET>
Twitter: https://twitter.com/CHET_UKY

We frequently post information about important health equity topics, upcoming events, and the outstanding work of our many CHET scholars.

If you have anything you would like us to promote on our social media pages, please reach out to us at chet@uky.edu.

Collaboration Column

"My name is Rhiannon Simon, and I am a graduate student researcher at the University of Kentucky. I would like to invite you to take part in a focus group conference call via zoom in late August to talk about the COVID-19 vaccination efforts in the region.

We are conducting a series of focus groups across the southeastern U.S. to learn more about the perceptions, questions, and needs present among key audiences from the agricultural, fishing, and forestry workers and minority populations. The focus group should last no longer than 45 minutes. Your views will be used to help us share what we learn with people "up the chain of command" in the interest that these voices, your voices, are taken into consideration as vaccination strategies are refined and implemented.

If you would like to take part in the focus group in late August or have any questions pertaining to this study please let us know by contacting me at 502-419-2165 or e-mailing Rhiannon.Simon@uky.edu."

Biostatistics and Research Design Core

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlFBA9n9aPOFlb

CHET Student and Trainee Listserv

Please encourage your students and trainees to join our listserv here: bit.ly/joinchet