



Full, Associate, or Assistant Professor Positions

Markey Cancer Center

An NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center

The University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center and the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine seek an exceptional implementation scientist at the Full, Associate, or Assistant Professor level for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position. We seek a seasoned implementation scientist with a dynamic, productive research portfolio and active extramural grant support who aims to accelerate the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices in real world settings to reduce the burden of cancer and health disparities. The Markey Cancer Center has seen transformational growth in recent years, culminating in the National Cancer Institute designating Markey as a Comprehensive Cancer Center in 2023.

Candidates will have the opportunity and be supported to build and maintain a high quality, extramurally funded research program; contribute to our teaching mission; mentor doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows; and provide service to the University and to our extremely collaborative communities. Competitive start-up funds and faculty salary will be provided.

Situated on a campus with all six health profession colleges, the Markey Cancer Center is located within a vibrant and expanding basic, clinical, and population research community with ample opportunities for collaboration within and across its [research programs](#). The Markey Cancer Center serves a statewide catchment area with a population of 4.4 million residents and extraordinary cancer prevalence. In its mission to *reduce the cancer burden with a focus on Kentucky and its most vulnerable populations through research, prevention, treatment, education and community engagement*, the center continues to make significant strides in advancing access to quality cancer care; implementing bold transformational research spanning basic, translational, and population science, including clinical trials to address Kentucky's unique cancer burden; and introducing innovative population-level interventions to accelerate translational impact in reducing challenging health disparities and significantly impact patients in the state and the nation.

Candidates will have cores available to them that support a broad spectrum of molecular, cellular, animal, human and behavioral/epidemiology studies for advancement of the overall mission of the center. These cores have the capacity to contribute to the entire translational continuum, from basic and preclinical studies to translational, bioinformatics, clinical, cancer control/prevention, epidemiologic and population-based studies. The cores include [biostatistics and bioinformatics](#), [biospecimen procurement and translational pathology](#), [cancer research informatics](#), [flow cytometry and immune monitoring](#), [oncogenomics](#), [patient oriented and population sciences](#) and [redox metabolism](#).

Markey Cancer Center also supports disease-focused collaborative groups that provide scientific forums drawing investigators across the range of research with a primary goal to understand disease phenotypes in the catchment area and use this knowledge to develop biomarkers, inform clinical trials and implement population-level interventions. Candidates will also have the opportunity to participate in disease-specific clinical care and research teams to implement biomarkers into clinical trials.

The Department of Behavioral Science was founded in 1959 as the world's first such department in a medical school and serves as the college's and the University's nexus point for research and training in medical behavioral science. The department has achieved remarkable research success and is amongst the nation's top funded departments. Current research strengths in the department include cancer, substance use, and clinical neuroscience and aging. The department is multidisciplinary, with faculty including the disciplines of experimental psychology, social psychology, clinical psychology, cognitive neuroscience, behavioral pharmacology, epidemiology, anthropology, psychiatry, pediatrics, ethics history, pharmacology, sociology, and social work. Departmental faculty members collaborate with many other academic departments in the College of Medicine and University.

The department has a primary role in medical student teaching, including responsibility for "Introduction to Clinical Medicine." Behavioral science faculty members also teach in the undergraduate Lewis Honors College. Graduate education in the department includes an interdisciplinary certificate, master's degree, and doctoral degree in clinical and translational science.

Many department faculty have a substance use focus, and are members of the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research (<http://cdar.uky.edu/>). The Department of Behavioral Science also serves as the administrative home for the Center for Health, Engagement, and Transformation (<https://chet.med.uky.edu/>), whose mission is to synergize innovative, transdisciplinary, and impactful research and training to improve the health of the most vulnerable residents of Kentucky and beyond.

The department has a strong commitment to overall wellness where the scientific and educational missions are integrated with social activities to promote an overall sense of community while establishing a culture of cooperation and teamwork.

The University of Kentucky is a leading land-grant and public research university



located in the beautiful Bluegrass region of Central Kentucky. Counted among the highest level of Carnegie Research institutions, the university is in the midst of aggressive efforts to continue its rise to one of the nation's premier public research universities. Along with its integrated and rapidly growing health system, [UK HealthCare](#), the university has a number of additional leading centers and institutes including the [UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science](#), [The Barnstable Brown Diabetes Center](#), [Kentucky Neuroscience Institute](#) and the [Gill Heart & Vascular Institute](#).

[Lexington](#) is a [cosmopolitan city](#) of ~517,000 inhabitants that is consistently voted amongst the 50 best places to live in the U.S. The city is strategically located with non-stop flights to 17 major U.S. cities via Blue Grass Airport (LEX), located 15 minutes away from downtown as well within a day's drive to many major cities (e.g., Chicago, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C.). Lexington is also home to an outstanding public school system. The University of Kentucky offers an intellectually vibrant and collegial research community spanning multiple colleges and centers with a strong commitment to inclusive excellence. In FY25, University of Kentucky researchers held a grants and contracts portfolio that totaled \$496.9million.

The ideal candidate will have NIH-funded research or a very strong promise of such funding; maintain a focus on community-level factors that impact cancer vulnerability; aspire to engage in research mentorship, and contribute 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. Special emphasis is placed on implementation science, patient and community engagement, quality of cancer care

delivery, and health equity. All career stages are welcome. Attractive start up package, premium and contiguous space, and excellent benefits will be provided.



Applications should include a curriculum vita, as well as a cover letter with description of cancer research interests, teaching philosophy, and a discussion of future research plans. Applications should be submitted online at the links below and will be reviewed by a faculty search committee as applications arrive. Job postings will remain open until the positions are filled. Competitive candidates will receive an invitation to visit the University of Kentucky for an interview.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jeff Schroetlin and Lyndsey Nicodem, with WittKieffer, at LyndseyN@wittkieffer.com.

University Job Posting: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/603303>

Research areas of interest in cancer-related implementation science may include any aspect of the cancer care continuum, including risk reduction/prevention (e.g., HPV vaccination, tobacco, obesity), screening, treatment, survivorship and/or end of life. Training and experience in cancer care delivery, patient/community engagement, and/or health equity is strongly desired.

As an Equal Opportunity Employer, the University of Kentucky strongly encourages veterans, individuals with disabilities, women, and all minorities to consider our employment opportunities. Upon offer of employment, successful applicants must pass a pre-employment drug screen and undergo a national background check as required by University of Kentucky Human Resources.