



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 Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor level for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position. We seek a candidate with a dynamic, productive research portfolio and active extramural funding who will accelerate the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices in real-world settings to further Markey's vision of a cancer-free tomorrow – for Kentucky and beyond.

The successful candidate will demonstrate expertise in community-engaged outreach and clinical trial-related research. Research areas of interest in cancer-related implementation science may span the cancer care continuum, including risk reduction/prevention (e.g., HPV vaccination, tobacco use, obesity), screening, treatment, survivorship, and end-of-life care. Training and experience in cancer care delivery research or patient/community-engaged research is strongly desired.

Candidates will have the opportunity – and be supported – to maintain a high quality, extramurally funded research program; contribute to our teaching mission; mentor graduate and undergraduate students and postdoctoral fellows; and provide service to the University and to our extremely collaborative communities.

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. Situated on a campus with all six health profession colleges, Markey 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 4.5 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 cancer center-administered shared resources available to them that support a broad spectrum of molecular, cellular, animal, human, bioinformatics/statistics, and behavioral/epidemiology studies for advancement of the overall mission of the cancer center. These shared resources have the capacity to contribute to the entire translational continuum, from basic and preclinical studies to translational, bioinformatics, clinical, epidemiologic and population-based studies. The shared resources 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](#). Core services are available on a cost-recovery (fee-for-service) basis, and investigators typically budget for core utilization in grants and project support. Likewise, the cancer maintains a robust mentoring program for faculty, including grant development programs, and a nationally recognized Research Communications Office, staffed with editors, graphic designers, project managers, and grants administration experts who help with grant development, preparation, and submission.

Markey Cancer Center also supports disease-focused collaborative groups (e.g., breast, lung, gastrointestinal cancers) 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 conduct implementation science research.

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, 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](#), [Institute for Biomedical Informatics](#), [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 \$496.9 million.

The ideal candidate will have ongoing research funded by NIH and/or other sources, with a special emphasis on implementation science, advancing the implementation of evidence-based practices/policies in clinical or community settings, quality of cancer care delivery from prevention through survivorship, and patient and/or community engagement. In addition, the ideal candidate will 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. 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>

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.