

Position: Postdoctoral Fellow in Tobacco Regulatory Policy Implementation within the CAsToR network

Administering department: Health Management and Policy, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Other potential job sites: Georgetown University, Yale University, or University of Massachusetts Amherst

The renewed FDA and NCI-funded Center for the Assessment of Tobacco Regulations (CAsToR) invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship focused on tobacco regulatory policy implementation and dissemination. The fellow will be housed within one of four CAsToR institutions: the University of Michigan, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Yale University, or Georgetown University. The fellow will serve as a central node of activity for the Policy Analysis and Dissemination Core, a project tasked with increasing the understanding and deepening the interface between tobacco control research and policy implementation. The PAD core's role is to draw lessons from existing evidence and policies worldwide to provide insights to US policy makers and beyond. We will do this through case studies of tobacco control policies in other jurisdictions, reviewing available literature, and translating academic findings into practice.

This position offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to cutting-edge research in the field of public health and tobacco control. To further their development into an independent scholar, the fellow will join an interdisciplinary, multi-institution team of scholars and researchers with a track record of policy engaged research and impact. They will have access to resources and opportunities within the other projects and cores of CAsToR and join an international community of junior scholars supported by CAsToR's Career Enhancement Core (CEC). The CEC provides and connects junior investigators with collaborative research experiences, educational activities, mentorship, professional networking opportunities, and scientific communications training in tobacco regulatory science. The fellow will also have opportunities to apply for grant funding, develop their own research agenda, and grow into the role of an independent investigator.

This post runs until August 2028, and the postholder will primarily be working with Drs Holly Jarman, University of Michigan, and Jamie Hartmann-Boyce, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct annual qualitative international comparative case studies on current topics in tobacco regulatory policy implementation.
- Perform document reviews and conduct key-informant interviews with policymakers and stakeholders in different case countries.
- Synthesize and interpret qualitative data within political science and public policy frameworks.
- Publish research findings in peer-reviewed journals.
- Work with simulation modelers, epidemiologists, and economists across CAsToR to prepare public-facing translational materials that share research findings.

- Contribute to the dissemination of best practices for implementing tobacco control policies to domestic and global policy stakeholders.
- Deliver a comparative case study of a selected tobacco control policy, publishable in a peer-reviewed journal once a year.
- Assist in the conduct of evidence syntheses on matters of critical interest in tobacco control policy
- Work collaboratively with the NIH-funded Center for the Assessment of Tobacco Regulations (CASToR) Policy Analysis and Dissemination Core.
- Catalog the impact of CASToR Researchers on the policymaking process.

Qualifications:

- Doctorate in Public Health, Political Science, Public Policy, or a related field.
- Experience in qualitative research projects, including document review and key-informant interviewing.
- Strong analytical and writing skills, with a demonstrated ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals.
- Strong communication skills with experience in research translation for policy and media audiences.
- Self-directed and able to work independently as well as collaboratively within a multi-center collaborative grant environment.
- Knowledge and interest in tobacco control policy and public health.

Duration and Benefits:

- Appointment runs through August 2028.
- Competitive salary commensurate with federally approved rates for postdoctoral researchers.
- Comprehensive health insurance and retirement benefits.
- Time protected for the fellow's own research projects.
- Standard benefits package.

Work Location:

While the selected candidate will be an employee of the University of Michigan, the project has three (3) participating institutions from which on-site work is possible - University of Michigan, Georgetown University, and Yale University. Remote work/hybrid options from within the United States may also be available to suit your work-life balance.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit the following documents in a single PDF file:

1. Cover letter expressing interest in the position and highlighting relevant research experience.
2. Curriculum vitae (CV) including a list of publications.
3. Contact information for three professional references.

Applications should be submitted via email to [CASTOR.Postings@umich.edu] with the subject line "Postdoctoral Fellow Application - Tobacco Control Policy Implementation."