

Assistant Professor in Public Health
Department of Public Health
School of Public Health and Health Sciences
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

The Department of Public Health (www.umass.edu/sphhs/public_health) and Commonwealth Honors College (www.honors.umass.edu) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst invite applications for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position in the Community Health Education program at the Assistant Professor level.

Position: We are seeking candidates with interest and experience in working with diverse communities and/or who have conducted research on health inequalities. An interest in health policy is a plus. The successful candidate will join the Community Health Education program in the Department of Public Health and Commonwealth Honors College. Duties of the position include an active program of research, teaching (including 2 undergraduate honors courses per academic year), professional and community service, and mentoring public health graduate and honors college undergraduate students. The successful candidate must possess strong research skills, preferably with a proven track record of receiving research funding from federal funding agencies, and demonstrated excellence in teaching. Preference will also be given to candidates with experience in conducting innovative research in areas such as health disparities, health policy, social justice, cross-cultural competence, health communications, health literacy and/or community-based research.

Qualifications: Candidates for the position must meet the following requirements:

- Completed Ph.D. in Public Health with an emphasis in Community Health Education and/or Health Policy, or equivalent degree, by September 2013.
- Experience and qualifications appropriate to an appointment at the Assistant Professor level.
- Evidence of ability to conduct both independent and collaborative research and to generate extramural funds for research.
- Strong record of (or demonstration of potential for) published peer-reviewed articles
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching
- Demonstrated interest in teaching undergraduate honors courses that meet UMass Amherst general education “arts,” “literature,” or “historical” designations (www.umass.edu/gened/); examples of such courses could be those that focus on the history of health care reform or on bioethics as explored in classic and modern literature.

The University of Massachusetts is committed to promoting diversity and to recruiting and teaching a diverse student body. The review of applications will start on November 15, 2012 and continue until the position is filled, with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2013.

Salary/Benefits: The University of Massachusetts at Amherst is located in the scenic Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts. The area is home to the Five Colleges (Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts), with many opportunities for inter-institutional collaboration. The region boasts a rural setting with easy access to Boston, Hartford and New York City. The Department of Public Health has five programs – Environmental Health, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Community Health Education – and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences (SPHHS) also has departments in Nutrition, Kinesiology and Communication Disorders. The School offers BA, BS, MPH, MS, AuD and PhD degrees. Additional information about the SPHHS may be found at its website, www.umass.edu/sphhs. Salary will be commensurate with academic rank and experience.

Applications: Interested candidates should send (electronically or by mail) a letter describing their areas of research and teaching experience, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to: Fusako Yamagiwa, Administrative Assistant, Department of Public Health, Email: fusako@schoolph.umass.edu; or via mail at 415 Arnold House, 715 N. Pleasant Street, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 01003. Contact the search co-Chair Dr. Aline Gubrium at agubrium@schoolph.umass.edu for additional questions.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and members of minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.