

## Recruitment Notice:

### Faculty Position in Alcohol Research

Applications are invited for an active and successful mid-career researcher in studies on the genetics of alcohol or alcohol use disorder (AUD) at Virginia Commonwealth University. Candidates should hold a Ph.D., M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree with expertise in genetics, neuroscience or pharmacology and will be expected to contribute to an active cross-departmental research group that includes the VCU Alcohol Research Center (VCU ARC). Candidates will be considered for the rank of Associate or Full Professor, based upon qualifications and experience. Applicants should have a record of sustained nationally prominent research productivity and current extramural funding. It is anticipated that, if a senior scientist were to be recruited for this position, additional faculty positions may become available for building a research team.

This recruitment will be supported by substantial resources. Depending on applicant qualifications, this could include a \$2 million endowed chair position. VCU ARC is a multi-departmental center comprising studies on the genetics of alcohol behaviors or risk for AUD in invertebrates, rodents, and humans and has been funded continuously for over 10 years by P20 or P50 grants from NIAAA. VCU has a very strong environment for work on drug abuse and alcoholism, with total NIDA and NIAAA funding consistently ranked in the top 20 universities or centers nationally.

The candidate's primary Department will depend on the expertise of the candidate. Substantial research groups in genetic approaches to alcohol exist within the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, the latter within the Department of Psychiatry. Additional VCU departments, programs, or centers with major expertise in drug abuse or alcoholism include the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, the Center for Clinical and Translational Research and the Institute on Drug and Alcohol Studies. More information about the University, VCU ARC and these Institutes can be found at <http://www.vcu.edu/index.html>, <http://www.vcu.edu/pharmtox/>, <http://arc.vcu.edu>, <https://idas.vcu.edu> and <http://www.vipbg.vcu.edu>.

As a preeminent national, urban, public research university and academic health center, Virginia Commonwealth University is committed to organizational diversity, equity and inclusion – an environment where all can thrive in their pursuit of excellence.

Applicants are requested to submit a Statement of Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (typically between 150-300 words) providing your career aspirations and contributions toward promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Through this statement, you can share how your lived experiences; and past, present, and future academic and professional activities have or will contribute to VCU's mission of promoting equity and inclusion.

**Note:** *Examples include working with others to further the goals of equity and inclusion; leading in any capacity that tangibly promotes an environment where diversity is welcomed, fostered, and celebrated; creative activity, research and scholarship that promotes equity and parity; teaching and mentoring students, and/or engaging with faculty and/or staff from traditionally underrepresented groups to create a positive and successful organizational experience.*

Interested applicants should apply online at <https://www.vcujobs.com/postings/109110>. Only electronic applications will be accepted. All submitted applications must include a letter of interest, diversity statement and CV. Questions should be directed to Jill Opalesky, Search Chair, at [jill.opalesky@vcuhealth.org](mailto:jill.opalesky@vcuhealth.org).

*Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*