



Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program
Postdoctoral Fellowship Description
RESEARCH FOCUS

Title: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Laboratory for Violence Prevention

	Yes	No
APA-accredited:		X
Fellowship primarily allows for Telework:		X
Fellowship primarily allows Telesupervision:		X
Fellowship primarily uses Telehealth:		X

Site/Employer: Rhode Island Hospital

Supervisor(s): Prachi Bhuptani, Ph.D.
Lindsay Orchowski Ph.D.

Description of Site

This postdoctoral fellowship position will be based at Rhode Island Hospital. Rhode Island Hospital (RIH) is a private, 719-bed, not-for-profit, acute care hospital and academic medical center founded in 1863. It is the largest of the state's general acute care hospitals, providing comprehensive health services, and serving as a primary teaching hospital for Brown Medical School. Rhode Island Hospital is the largest trauma center in the region and has extensive neurology, neurosurgery, and psychiatry departments. In addition to a comprehensive epilepsy center, the hospital has expertise in both neuropsychiatry and geriatric psychiatry.

Fellowship Aims

1. To provide the fellow with broad post-doctoral training in the area of violence prevention and response, prospectively, using intensive longitudinal data collection methods and qualitative research methods.
2. To provide the fellow with a strong working knowledge of treatment development and program evaluation methodology.
3. To provide the fellow with research training and experience in preparation for a research career violence prevention and intervention research.

Fellowship Timeline

The duration of the fellowship is one year. The anticipated start date is July 2026. A second year is possible, contingent upon satisfactory progress and availability of funding.

Research Activity Plan (90% Total)

The fellow will be exposed to various aspects of violence prevention research via participation in the following activities:

- **Study coordination:** The fellow will collaborate with the PIs (Drs. Bhuptani and Orchowski) to support coordination and administration of a NIH-funded study addressing the intersection of opiate use and violence, a NIH-funded study addressing sexual trafficking, and two pilot projects addressing assessment of HIV in the emergency room, and development of a violence prevention program for women who use drugs. There may be additional opportunities available in the areas of violence prevention and response research depending on funding. The fellow will help coordinate research assistant activities and interviews/assessments as well as oversee participant recruitment. The fellow will also help to analyze qualitative data. Additionally, the fellow will have the opportunity for hands-on exposure to treatment development methods, tailored to the research interests of the individual fellow **(65% time)**.
- **Laboratory management and professional development:** The fellow will be provided with a series of readings in the area of research laboratory management. They will support the direction of laboratory meetings, with the goal of development advanced skills in mentorship and laboratory management. The fellow will be encouraged to collaborate on manuscript preparation and poster submissions at national and international conferences. Currently available datasets will permit development of first-author manuscripts in the areas of violence prevention and intervention. Individually tailored goals will be established in this area. The fellow will be required to participate in weekly research meetings conducted in the Laboratory for Violence Prevention **(10% time)**.
- **Grant writing:** The fellow will be encouraged to develop a grant idea that is ready for submission by the end of the fellowship term. Additionally, the fellow will have the opportunity to contribute towards ongoing grant preparation and submission in the Laboratory for Violence Prevention **(15% time)**.

Clinical Activity Plan (N/A)

Opportunities for additional clinical experience will be provided as part of the position. Clinical time will include both individual and group supervision with Drs. Orchowski and Bhuptani.

Path toward licensure: YES ___ NO ___

Didactics (10% Total)

Postdoctoral Seminars: The fellow will participate in the following postdoctoral seminars through the Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program.

Mandatory Didactics:

- Postdoctoral Core Seminar (1 per month)
- DPHB Academic Grand Rounds (1 per month)
- Research Fellowship Program (RFP) Core Seminars (1 per week)

Optional Didactics:

- Academic Friday – Grantsmanship seminars, Special Topics in Statistics (1 per week)
- Clinical Ethics – if intending to sit for licensure (1 per month)
- Other didactics may be available through mutual agreement of the Postdoctoral fellow and Supervisors.

Supervision and Evaluation

Research-focused supervision will be provided in the form of weekly group supervision (Drs. Bhuptani and Orchowski).

Every 6 months for the duration of the fellowship, the fellow and the supervisors will provide formal evaluations, and evaluations of the program relative to the goals and learning objectives of the fellowship.

Please visit the [Brown Faculty](#) page to view supervisor profiles.

Resource Requirements

Fellow will be provided with the following resources:

- Access to space to complete research responsibilities
- A computer and project specific software
- Internet access
- Telephone
- Appropriate space for conducting research interviews, intervention, and risk assessments

Reporting and approval

This fellowship will be part of the Research Fellowship Program (RFP). The position has been discussed and approved by the Training Committee.

Associate Director, Research Fellowship Program

Director, Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program