Postdoctoral Psychology Associates in Eating/Weight Disorders
Emphasis: Bariatric Surgery
Yale University School of Medicine

The Program for Obesity, Weight, and Eating Research (POWER) at the Yale School of Medicine is seeking qualified candidates for two Postdoctoral Psychology Associate positions under the supervision of Drs. Valentina Ivezaj and Carlos M. Grilo. New studies supported by NIH grants will provide training and clinical-research opportunities for individuals interested in careers working with obesity, binge eating, and bariatric surgery. Although there is considerable overlap between the two positions, one is structured for individuals interested in clinical practice and program leadership and one for clinical research in academic medical school and health-care systems.

“Clinical” Post-Doctoral Associate Position

The “clinical” position is tailored toward careers in clinical practice and program development/leadership (i.e., clinicians and clinician-educators) in academic medical school and health-care systems.

This position will provide ample clinical and supervision hours for independent psychology licensure. Clinical work will involve delivering treatment and administering assessments within the context of NIH-funded randomized controlled trials. More specifically, clinical post-doctoral associates will serve primarily as research clinicians on NIH-funded studies examining behavioral and pharmacologic treatments for binge eating (or loss-of-control eating) among adults including extensive experiences with patients who undergo bariatric surgery.

Strong clinical skills and experience in evidence-based treatments and with assessment methods (e.g., semi-structured diagnostic interviews) are required. Candidates must have a doctoral degree in clinical, health, or counseling psychology, completed an APA-approved internship, and have experience with patients who seek/undergo bariatric surgery. Positions are full-time for 1-2 years (with strong preference for 2-year positions).

“Clinical-Research” Post-Doctoral Associate Position

The clinical-research position is tailored towards careers in clinical research (i.e., clinical-scholar and traditional faculty) in academic medical school settings.

This position will include a combination of clinical work and study coordination with opportunities for writing manuscripts and grants. Clinical work will involve serving as research clinicians on NIH-funded randomized controlled trials treating loss-of-control eating and other eating/weight concerns following bariatric surgery. Clinical training and supervision will focus on assessment and treatment delivery. Although the primary role will focus on bariatric treatment, postdoctoral associates in this role will have opportunities to work on treatment studies for obesity and binge eating and in diverse clinical and community studies of eating/weight disorders.

In addition to clinical work, clinical-research post-doctoral associates will participate in protocol development and implementation, as well as administrative tasks involved in running an NIH-funded trial. Data from multi-site longitudinal studies with bariatric surgery patients will be available for research projects.
Candidates must have a doctoral degree in clinical, health, or counseling psychology, completed an APA-approved internship, and experience with bariatric surgery. Ideal candidates will have interests in writing manuscripts focused on bariatric surgery. Experience with assessment methods (e.g., semi-structured diagnostic interviews), evidence-based treatment, good statistical skills, and good writing skills (including publications in peer-reviewed journals) are required. This position is tailor-made for loan repayment program applications and is ideal for persons pursuing clinical-research academic careers. Intensive mentored opportunities exist for (extensive) publishing and for grant-writing. Postdoctoral associates will work closely with faculty and other pre- and post-doctoral clinical-researchers with complementary clinical-research interests at POWER.

For both positions, members of under-represented groups are especially encouraged to apply as are individuals who have interests in health disparities and eating/weight disorders. Several on-going studies are examining bias and disparities.

Start date is July 2021 (although start date as early as January 2021 is possible). Applications will be reviewed starting Fall of 2020 (and will be accepted until positions are filled).

Interested candidates should send a CV and statement of interests (reference letters will be requested after initial review) by email to both: Carlos M. Grilo, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology, Yale University (carlos.grilo@yale.edu) and to Valentina Ivezaj, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Obesity and Bariatric Research Initiatives (valentina.ivezaj@yale.edu).