

## Open Rank Positions at Wake Forest University School of Medicine

We seek innovative clinical researchers with an MD/DO/PhD and an established record of extramural funding in child health research focused upon the influence of social determinants on short and long-term health outcomes. We seek a Team Leader and up to four faculty members for a new Health Services Research Team, at all levels (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) to promote world-class interdisciplinary research involving children, families, communities, and systems to advance the health of children in diverse settings. We aim to have this leader in place no later than summer, 2023.

Wake Forest University School of Medicine has designated Child Health Outcomes as one of six prioritized research focus areas, which also include Microbial Ecology & Emerging Diseases, Remote Patient & Participant Monitoring, Sleep & Circadian Rhythms, Transformative Stroke Care and Translational Radiation & Cancer Care. The Child Health Outcomes group will provide a central structure across two large pediatric hospitals, Brenner Children's (Winston-Salem) and Levine Children's (Charlotte). The team will enable a wide breadth of opportunities in clinical, community, and population health research, studying disease and wellbeing rooted in childhood, across the lifespan as informed by social determinants of health. The new Team Leader will play a key role in driving additional recruitment and defining research in health outcomes or health disparities. Additional faculty positions, including data scientists with relevant experience and track record of working with child health data will be entertained with the engagement of those in place to enhance the success and alignment of the program.

Under the guidance of a strong Team Leader, the Health Services Research Team will expand child health outcomes research across the Atrium Health Clinical Enterprise and the School of Medicine campuses, thereby enhancing academic reputation, increasing extramural funding, and accelerating innovations to improve child health. With the support of the Chairs of the Department of Pediatrics (Clinical and Academic) as well as the Vice-Chairs for Research in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, the team will have access to the full range of research centers and cores in the School of Medicine, as well as the broad clinical settings from rural Appalachia and rural South/Central Georgia to dense urban environments available across the Atrium Health Enterprise.

## About Us

The Wake Forest University School of Medicine (WFUSM) is a U.S. News and World Report top 50 ranked medical school, integrated with a world class health system, Atrium Health. Our Enterprise serves over 7 million patients in seven states across the Southeastern United States. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, Atrium Health brings together four regional health systems that operate 40 hospitals and more than 1400 care locations. With more than \$300M in extramural funding, WFUSM drives the cutting-edge Academic Learning Health System by integrating innovative research with excellent patient care across our enterprise. Our highly integrated academic and clinical environment is deeply committed to improving health, elevating hope, and advancing healing for all. WFUSM is home to nationally and internationally recognized research in Alzheimer's Disease, Aging and Mobility, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes and Obesity, Cancer, Neurosciences, and Regenerative Medicine. Research excellence, coupled with a robust Informatics data infrastructure, clinically integrated implementation and discovery science efforts, and a firm commitment to the promotion of health equity renders the WFUSM a rich environment for population-based/health systems research and clinical/pragmatic trials that translate innovative findings to breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease and improvements in quality of life. We are in a phase of unprecedented

growth and evolution and through priorities, commitments and opportunities identified in our Research Strategy for Excellence, will recruit over 40 new research-intensive faculty at all stages of the translational pipeline to bolster our commitment to growing our Academic Learning Health System.

The Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital is ranked nationally by US News and World Report as a top 25 Children's Hospital in 8 different clinical areas. Brenner Children's Hospital is the focal point for pediatric healthcare at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in Winston Salem with a 35-year history of serving this NC region. The hospital was the first of three Level I pediatric trauma centers in NC, has a new NICU and Birth Center (2019), and is home to the regions' first comprehensive Pediatric Obesity program (now 15 years old). Together the combined departments have more than \$10 million in annual extramural funding, are home to over 250 specialty faculty, and more than 35 primary care practices with over 200 primary care pediatricians and APPs. We serve families with a range of diverse racial, ethnic, and economic characteristics, alongside differing health outcomes. Through unprecedented strategic investments, we aim to transform our understanding of the contributions of age, intensity of exposure, and the impact of the range of social determinants of health to the distribution of illness, disease, and good health at the population level.

## **Culture Commitments**

We create a space where all Belong We Work as One to make great things happen We earn Trust in all we do We Innovate to better the now and create the future We drive for Excellence – always

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gender identity, gender expression, disability, or source of payment.

Applicants should submit (1) a letter with statement of interest, and (2) a complete curriculum vitae via the online application system. Application materials may also be emailed to T.K. at <u>tkhounth@wakehealth.edu</u>