Title: Experience Sampling Methodology Post-Doctoral Fellow

General Overview

Dr. James Pawelski at the University of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with Dr. John Medaglia at Drexel University, seeks an Experience Sampling Methodology Post-Doctoral Fellow to join the ongoing work of the Humanities and Human Flourishing Project. This project is currently sponsored by the Templeton Religion Trust and the University of Pennsylvania and involves close collaboration with Dr. Louis Tay of Purdue University and Dr. Ellen Winner of Boston College. The aim is to identify and assess the mechanisms through which the humanities influence physical, psychological, neurological, and normative aspects of human flourishing through both qualitative and quantitative methods.

This work will require a Post-Doctoral Fellow with expertise in experience sampling methodology (ESM) administered in phone apps, psychological time series analysis, and preferably network analysis to apply person-specific data analysis to time series of well-being data. Results will be published in a variety of psychology, humanities, computer science, and research methods venues.

This will be a one-year position starting on August 1, 2020 (contingent on funding), with renewal for subsequent years to be awarded based on performance. The individual will be appointed as a Post-Doctoral Fellow to the Humanities and Human Flourishing Project. They will be located at the University of Pennsylvania’s Positive Psychology Center, directed by Martin E.P. Seligman.

Key Responsibilities and Tasks:

- Developing user-facing measures for well-being in ESM research designs
- Analyzing well-being data time series using person-specific analysis techniques
- First-authoring top-tier peer-reviewed publications and conference proceedings
- Presenting findings at national scientific conferences
- Possible teaching duties in one course per year

Qualifications and Skill/Experiences:

- Ph.D. from an accredited university in psychology, cognitive science, clinical science, or a related field
- Strong analytical skills
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated experience preparing conference presentations, research findings, and manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals
- Demonstrated experience with ESM methodology and data analysis

Interviews will be conducted until the position is filled. To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, names and contact information for three references, and two reprints/preprints. Please send all application materials and direct any inquiries about the position to Sarah Sidoti (sidotis@sas.upenn.edu). Salary will be commensurate with credentials and experience. The University of Pennsylvania is an EOE/Affirmative Action Employer.