

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITION (Assistant Professor)
(VPAA# 2023/2024-43)
Fall 2023

Mental Health – Persistent or Serious Mental Illness

The School of Social Work at San Diego State University seeks to hire one tenure-track faculty member at the Assistant Professor Rank with expertise in the field of Behavioral and Mental Health, particularly severe and persistent mental illness with adults and/or children and adolescents with mental health problems to begin Fall 2023. The School offers both BSW and MSW degree programs, and a BA in Gerontology. The graduate program provides advanced concentrations in Direct Practice and in Administration and Community Development. The School, in conjunction with the Division of Global Public Health, University of California, San Diego (UCSD) offers a Joint Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use (IRSU). The School is extensively involved in local, state, and national human service issues through individual faculty research and community intervention programs. In addition, the School has made a major commitment in the area of alcohol and other drug research. Visit our website at <http://socialwork.sdsu.edu>.

San Diego State University is the largest university in San Diego and the third largest in California. The highly diverse campus community has a student population of over 36,000 and approximately 5,849 faculty and staff. **SDSU is currently designated as a Doctoral/Research-Intensive University by the Carnegie Foundation.** Established in 1897. SDSU offers bachelor degrees in 84 areas, masters in 76 and doctorates in 21. SDSU is currently designated as a Doctoral / Research- Intensive University by the Carnegie Foundation and has been named on the Faculty/Scholarly Productive Index as the No. 1 small research university in the nation. Additional information about the University is available at <http://www.sdsu.edu>. SDSU is a large, diverse, urban university and Hispanic-Serving Institution with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence. SDSU has for years been nationally recognized as a LGBTQ+-friendly university; SDSU has been named among the “Best Colleges for LGBTQ+ Students” a list co-developed by the Campus Pride Index and BestColleges, and ranked No. 14 nationally. Overall, our campus community is rich in diversity, including race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, national origin, pregnancy, medical condition, and covered veteran status. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming environment for all.

Assistant Professor Position: Expertise is sought in teaching Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with individuals, families, and groups, in particular with an emphasis on persistent and severe mental illness. An optimal candidate would have both practice and research expertise in the behavioral and mental health system. Teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate levels is desired. The candidates must demonstrate the ability to establish clear research trajectories and present a potential for seeking extramural research funds in the area of

behavioral and mental health.

Applicant cover letter should include discussion of the following areas:

An MSW and doctorate in social work is strongly preferred for this position, however, a research-focused Ph.D. in other related fields will be considered (e.g., psychology, public health, and other allied professions). The applicant's MSW must be from a CSWE accredited institution and two years of post-MSW direct practice experience. A clinical licensure (i.e., LCSW) is desirable. Because this position requires expertise in severe mental illness, candidates must describe their training and specialization in severe and persistent mental illness.

The SDSU School of Social Work is located near the U.S.-Mexico border, and is in a large metropolitan area with a wide range of diverse communities, which include newly arrived immigrants and refugees from many countries, and centuries-old Native American tribes and bands. San Diego is home to one of the largest Veteran populations in the country. San Diego is also working to improve the health and services for persons who are unhoused, which is also a very large population in San Diego. Given this regional diversity, a candidate must have demonstrated ability to develop working relationships and collaboration with diverse community partners and university colleagues in order to conduct research which contributes to the scholarly literature in the field of behavioral and mental health practice, particularly with underrepresented students.

In particular, we are seeking applicants with demonstrated experience in and/or commitment to teaching and working effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds and members of underrepresented groups. Candidates must satisfy at least two (2) of the eight (8) criteria from the Building on Inclusive Excellence (BIE) program. Candidates that meet BIE criteria: (1) are engaged in service with underrepresented populations in Social Work, (2) demonstrate knowledge of barriers for underrepresented students and faculty in higher education, (3) have experience or demonstrated commitment to teaching and mentoring underrepresented students, (4) integrate understanding of underrepresented populations and communities into research, (5) extend knowledge of opportunities and challenges in achieving artistic / scholarly success to members of an underrepresented group; (6) are committed to research that engages underrepresented communities, (7) show expertise in cross-cultural communication and collaboration, and/or (8) have research interests that contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education. Please indicate in your cover letter which BIE criteria you meet. For more information, please visit the Center for Inclusive Excellence's BIE (<https://sacd.sdsu.edu/cie/bie>).

The person holding this position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

SDSU is an Equal Opportunity/Title IX employer and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, marital status, age, disability, pregnancy, medical condition, or covered veteran status.

Applications, including a curriculum vita, cover letter, and names and contact information of three (3) references will be accepted via Interfolio at <https://apply.interfolio.com/115348>. For additional inquiries or questions, please contact Ms. Jullian Tufugafale at jtufugafale@sdsu.edu or at 619-594-5724.

Salary and benefits are competitive and are commensurate with qualifications and experience. Application review will begin October 24, 2022 and the position will remain open until it is filled.