The Department of Medical Social Sciences of Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine is hiring a qualitative health researcher for a research faculty position. Established in March, 2009, under the direction of Dr. David Cella, the Department provides a unique scientific home for applied researchers who integrate biomedical and social science approaches to improvement of health and health care delivery across the lifespan. The Department also serves as a catalyst for the University’s “One Northwestern” initiative, promoting scientific integration across its biomedical and life sciences campuses, including collaborative ties with Centers, Institutes and basic and clinical departments across the University. Scientific themes of Departmental research are: (1) outcomes research including clinical trials and observational studies across multiple diseases; (2) measurement science including psychometrics and tool development ranging from patient-reported outcomes to direct assessments; (3) psychosocial health promotion research including quality of life, multi-component and symptom management; (4) applied methods including health information technology and advanced statistical modeling; (5) health disparities reduction including healthy literacy and gender-related disparities; (6) generation of standardized phenotypes including developmental and behavioral/social phenotypes and; (7) linkage of these phenotypes to underlying mechanisms including psychosocial, genetic and neuroscientific processes.

In collaboration with other departmental research faculty and staff, the Research Assistant Professor prepares qualitative proposals for industry funding, coordinates qualitative and mixed-methods industry-funded research projects, conducts appropriate qualitative analyses for research projects, and actively participates in publication and presentation of results both in support and as a lead author. This position may also collaborate with research faculty and staff across the Feinberg School of Medicine.

**Specific Responsibilities:**

- Coordinates drafting, budget preparation, and submission of qualitative research proposals;
- Identifies critical tasks and personnel required to complete projects successfully;
- Monitors project status and ensures that tasks and deliverables are completed on time;
- Manages research staff as necessary;
- Conducts and leads project planning meetings and/or conference calls;
- Is involved with all phases of project from design to deliverables;
- Performs qualitative analyses, including analysis of patient interviews, expert interviews, and focus groups;
- Serves as principal investigator and assists others in the preparation of manuscripts, reports, and abstracts;
- Presents research findings at regional and national meetings;
- Develops new skills as needed to meet project demands;
- Performs related duties as required or assigned.

*Commitment to help foster the department’s culture of respect and teamwork are equally important as job qualifications.*
Minimum Qualifications:

Successful candidates must have a PhD in a relevant field (e.g., psychology, sociology, public health, medicine, nursing) and a minimum of two years of relevant research experience in a medical or social science research environment. Applicants must possess: knowledge of qualitative research theory, study design, and data analysis; experience analyzing qualitative data using Microsoft Office, Atlas.ti, and/or NVivo; a minimum 1-2 years of experience with project coordination including scientific proposals, budgets, contracts and tracking of project timelines; ability to plan, direct and coordinate an outcomes research project proposal; demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and the expertise to translate technical terminology into understandable terms. Applicants should need little direction in addressing day-to-day tasks and be able to manage competing priorities, possess demonstrated ability in high-level problem solving, communicate effectively one-to-one, in small groups and in public speaking contexts.

Preferred Qualifications:

More than five years experience in a medical or social science research environment including experience in qualitative study design, project coordination, and data analysis; knowledge of clinical trials, methodology for the development of Patient Reported Outcome Measures, the pharmaceutical industry and regulatory authorities.

For fullest consideration please submit a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by November 21, 2014 to Department Chair, David Cella, PhD, c/o Seletta Goodall-Nichols: mss@northwestern.edu. Review of applications will begin on November 21 and continue until the position is filled.

Northwestern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.