Overview
The Lifespan Personality and Health Lab at Northwestern University seeks a postdoctoral research fellow beginning in June 2024 (start date flexible). This position is intended for individuals pursuing a research career. Primary responsibilities will be data analysis and manuscript preparation, including both first-authored and collaborative papers. The position will provide excellent experience and exposure to integrative data analysis, lifespan developmental perspectives on psychosocial factors and health, and advanced methods of data analysis. The fellow will work on ongoing projects, have access to data sets for publications, receive mentorship in grant writing and publication, participate in providing academic mentorship of graduate students, summer research interns, and research staff, and be afforded career development opportunities through Northwestern University. Minority applicants are encouraged. Appointments are for two years, contingent on first year performance. Salary based on the NRSA stipend levels.

Environment
The fellow will be based in the Department of Medical Social Sciences (MSS), Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago. MSS provides a unique home for applied researchers who integrate biomedical and social science approaches to improvement of health. MSS provides rich resources for conducting research, including a broad scientific portfolio with multiple, well-characterized cohorts across the lifespan, psychometric/biostatistical and health informatics cores, expertise in multi-level assessment methods and collaborative relationships across Northwestern’s biomedical and social sciences campuses.

MSS’ commitment to diversity is critical to our mission of advancing access to excellence in academic programs, world-class research, and health programs. Engagement in discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, military service, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression will not be tolerated. Our work aims to advance the health and wellbeing of diverse populations. We highlight the importance of respecting and valuing this aspect of diversity among our faculty, trainees, and staff.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes, including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

Qualifications
A doctoral degree in personality or lifespan developmental psychology or a related behavioral or social science is required for applicants by the commencement of the fellowship. Successful applicants will have excellent communication and writing skills, as well as advanced training in research methodology and statistics. Candidates should have a strong interest and competency in some combination of the following areas of research: Personality and health, cognitive aging and dementia, loneliness and social isolation, integrative data analysis. Skill in quantitative data analysis including multilevel modeling, structural equation modeling, as well as proficiency in the R coding language are preferred.

How to Apply
To apply, please send curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and cover letter that includes a clear statement about your commitment and contribution to diversity and equity in research via email to Eileen Graham, Ph.D. Eileen.graham@northwestern.edu.