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**Recruitment Announcement – Assistant/Associate Professor in Biostatistics
Director, Biostatistics and Informatics Core, Center for Childhood Obesity Prevention**

**Arkansas Children's Research Institute
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Arkansas Children's Research Institute (ACRI) and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) have ongoing partnership in childhood obesity prevention research. Recently, NIH awarded a Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant to ACRI to establish the Center for Childhood Obesity Prevention (CCOP). COBREs focus on developing research infrastructure tied to a specific thematic focus and provides junior investigators with formal mentoring and research project funding to help them compete successfully for independent external research grant support. The CCOP serves as the anchor for a comprehensive pediatric obesity program on the ACRI campus, encompassing a multi-disciplinary, translational team of investigators focused on elucidating the origins, development, and treatment of childhood obesity. To support this work, the CCOP has established a Biostatistics and Informatics Core to provide research design, analytical services, and junior investigator research career mentoring.

The Center for Childhood Obesity Prevention (CCOP) is seeking an Assistant or Associate Professor Biostatistician (tenure track eligible) to join the CCOP leadership team with an academic appointment in the Department of Pediatrics (secondary appointment in the Department of Biostatistics). As the Biostatistics and Informatics Core director, the candidate will work directly with the CCOP director and the other core directors to define the direction of the center, and to partner in its ongoing development. The candidate will work directly with the funded and pipeline junior faculty investigators supported by the center, as well as direct the work of 2-3 masters level statisticians and database staff. Occasional state and national travel is required.

The candidate must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to apply. Successful candidates must have:

- 1) Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics or equivalent degree;
- 2) Expertise and experience in R, SAS and other programming;
- 3) Advanced analytical skills and knowledge, including longitudinal data analysis, clinical trials, and multivariate data analysis;
- 4) Interest in childhood obesity prevention and intervention health research;
- 5) Strong oral and written communication skills; and
- 6) Demonstrated grant writing experience.

The Institutions (ACRI and UAMS)

ACRI (www.archildrens.org/experience-arkansas-childrens-hospital/research/) provides a research environment for more than 300 UAMS Department of Pediatrics faculty members working on the ACRI campus. UAMS (www.uamshealth.com) is Arkansas's only medical school and tertiary care center, and it serves a predominately rural state, with a diverse population of over 2.5 million. UAMS employs more than 5,000 health professionals and graduates nearly 600 MDs, PhDs, and other health professionals each year.

To apply, send an application including cover letter (addressing experience, research interests and goals), CV, and the names and contact information for three references to:

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