



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Center for

# Weight, Eating and Lifestyle Science

*College of Arts and Sciences*

Applicants are being sought for three full-time research coordinator positions in the Drexel University Center for Weight, Eating and Lifestyle Science (WELL Center). The start date for the positions is June 2023. The positions are under the direction of Drs. Stephanie Manasse, Charlotte Hagerman, and Evan Forman.

One of the positions will oversee **REACH** (an NIH-funded project testing whether decision-making predicts problematic eating behavior among adolescents). The second position will oversee **WATCH** (a project testing an acceptance-based behavioral lifestyle modification program for racially and ethnically diverse adolescents). The final position will coordinate **Habitual Health** (testing a weight loss intervention focused entirely on habit formation and disruption) as well as serve as special projects coordinator for Dr. Forman.

The research coordination roles include overall coordination of all study elements; implementing an advertisement/recruitment plan; refining and implementing the assessment protocol; scheduling and conducting participant screening and clinical assessments; managing data and databases; maintaining contact and approvals with NIH and IRB; collecting data with wearable sensors. The special projects coordinator role involves coordinating several initiatives across multiple NIH-funded trials (eg improving our screening and data management systems; serving as liaison for collaborators and tech developers), the WELL Center (eg overseeing social media strategy), and the WELL Clinic (eg improving patient experience, billing and clinic-research interface).

To apply, please do the following: (1) Complete the official application [here](#). (2) Provide supplemental information [here](#).

This research lab is staffed by faculty, post-doctoral fellows, research coordinators, clinical psychology Ph.D. students, and undergraduate students, providing an environment rich in intellectual stimulation and mentorship. The position represents an excellent opportunity to gain experience in obesity/eating disorders clinical research and to be trained in both research and clinical tasks. This position provides excellent preparation for individuals who wish to pursue graduate study in clinical psychology or a related area. Opportunities also will be available, as desired, for grant application preparation, research diagnostic assessment training, additional data analysis, and preparation of poster presentations and/or manuscripts related to the projects. Coordinators also have the opportunity to be exposed to treatment provision.

The **WELL Center** is an interdisciplinary clinical research center, which develops, tests and disseminates new behavioral and technological solutions to the problems of obesity, poor diet, sedentary behavior, and disordered eating. Currently, the Center houses 55 faculty, staff, fellows and students, and 17 grant-funded projects valued at \$22M. Faculty at the WELL Center (all of whom have been successful at attracting federal and foundation funding, and generating high-impact scientific scholarship) take a team science approach to research, and thus, advise each other, co-write grant proposals and manuscripts, and serve as co-investigators on each

other's projects. The WELL Center has a superior research infrastructure and an overall excellent scientific environment. Incoming faculty are well-positioned for success, in terms of scholarship, scientific impact and extramural funding.

**Drexel** is a world-class comprehensive research university committed to use-inspired research with real-world applications, and the University's research activities result in more than \$131 million in annual expenditures for sponsored projects. Drexel was founded in 1891 and is one of the nation's largest private universities. Drexel is also ranked in the top 8% of U.S. colleges and universities in a list compiled by The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education. and was recently named the most innovative mid-sized research university in the country

Drexel's hometown of **Philadelphia** is one of the nation's first and largest cities, and the birthplace of the nation. The city regularly wins awards (e.g., City of the Year, Best Restaurant City, Best Place to Visit, Most Walkable City, Coolest City, First World Heritage City, Best Shopping City), and offers a plethora of opportunities to learn, play, work, and engage in the arts, history, and culture.