

Research Program Coordinator I

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The Disparities Research Exploring Addiction Mechanisms (DREAM) Lab at the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center is seeking a full-time Research Program Coordinator I (PC I) to support NIH- and Foundation-funded studies focused on reducing tobacco-related health disparities. Our work aims to: 1) determine which populations are disproportionately at risk for tobacco use and addiction across the lifespan (e.g., young adults, groups from low socioeconomic status [SES], rural, and racial/ethnic minority backgrounds); 2) identify mechanisms underlying tobacco use in high-risk groups; and 3) evaluate whether lower-risk nicotine products and other strategies can promote smoking cessation and harm reduction. This position offers hands-on experience across a wide range of study designs, including qualitative research, cross-sectional and longitudinal cohort studies, human laboratory paradigms, and remote clinical trials. The Research Program Coordinator I will work closely with the PI, Dr. Mariel Bello, and a collaborative research team, and will play a key role in the day-to-day operations and success of multiple ongoing studies.

Why Join the DREAM Lab?

- Contribute to impactful, health equity-focused research addressing tobacco-related health disparities
- Receive direct mentorship from the PI, a licensed clinical psychologist, and gain exposure to grant writing and manuscript development
- Gain hands-on experience across diverse research methodologies (clinical, laboratory, and community-engaged research)
- Develop leadership and project management skills
- Strong preparation for graduate training in clinical psychology, public health, medicine, or related fields

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