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**Recruitment Announcement – Associate/Full Professor in Biostatistics
Director, Biostatistics Program, Pediatrics Campus (ACRI/UAMS)
Director, Biostatistics Core, Center for Childhood Obesity Prevention**

**Arkansas Children's Research Institute (ACRI)
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Arkansas Children's Research Institute (ACRI) and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) have ongoing partnership in child health research. The Department of Pediatrics, UAMS and ACRI are seeking an Associate or Full Professor Biostatistician (tenure track eligible) to lead the Biostatistics Program on the collaborative pediatric campus in Little Rock, AR. This position will have a primary academic appointment in the Department of Pediatrics (DOP) and potential for a secondary appointment in the Department of Biostatistics, UAMS. The position will report directly to the DOP Vice Chair for 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 provide 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 Core to provide research design, analytical services, and junior investigator research career mentoring. As the CCOP Biostatistics Core director, the candidate will work directly with CCOP leadership 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 the core faculty and masters level staff.

In the short term, in addition to directing the CCOP Biostatistics Core, this leadership position also includes providing scientific and operational guidance for the ACRI Biostatistics program. Over time, the candidate will work with CCOP, DOP, and ACRI leadership to develop the vision for pediatric biostatistics services to support research on the pediatric campus. Further, strong collaboration with the Department of Biostatistics on the main UAMS campus is expected and encouraged.

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;
- 6) Demonstrated grant writing experience; and
- 7) Demonstrated experience in leading a biostatistics program.

Occasional state and national travel is required.

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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