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In accordance with Federal funding regulations, this announcement is directed to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals and foreign nationals with permanent resident status. Columbia University is an AA/EEO employer.

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Interested candidates should send a C.V. and letter of interest to Dr. Perkins at the following address:

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Department of Psychiatry
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
3811 O'Hara Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

voice: (412) 246-5395
fax: (412) 246-5390
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Applications are invited for a Post-Doctoral Research Associate position in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Pharmacology, Psychology, or Neuroscience and expertise in drug

abuse research using non-human subjects. The research program emphasizes drug self-administration studies with non-human primates. Experience with non-human primates is desirable but not essential. Applicants should send curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests and goals, and names of three references to:

William L. Woolverton, Ph.D.

Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216.

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Biomedical, behavioral, social, and health care scientists wishing to pursue a career in alcohol or other substance abuse research are invited to apply for positions in the Brown University training programs in Substance Abuse Intervention Outcome Research or in Alcohol Treatment and Early Intervention Research. The Brown programs, funded by NIDA and NIAAA, prepare professionals to conduct high quality research in intervention of alcohol or other drug abuse. Weekly seminars and colloquia emphasize conceptualization and conduct of research. The training program focuses on the development and implementation of on-site research under the supervision of trainee-selected faculty mentors. Trainees have opportunities to present their work and interact with the Brown faculty through the program of the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies. Through collaboration, Brandeis University faculty are also available as mentors for those fellows specializing in health services delivery research. Key research programs ongoing at the Center include rodent models of systems mediating alcohol and other drug reinforcement, consumption and sensitization; human behavioral pharmacology lab studies of smoking, alcohol and other drug use; behavioral and pharmacological treatment studies; prenatal effects of drugs and alcohol; and genetic underpinnings of drug and alcohol use in humans. The Center currently has over 30 research grants focused on substance use, representing nearly 5 million in direct costs per year. The Center is part of the Public Health Program in the Brown Medical School. Brown Medical School is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action employer and actively encourages applications from women, minorities, and protected persons.

Application review will begin on January 15, 2004 and will continue until the positions are filled or the search is closed. For further details and application materials

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Start Date: Flexible, some now.

Eligibility: citizen, permanent resident. A broad range of backgrounds are appropriate – from clinical/counseling to experimental/neuroscience.
NIH stipend levels: \$31-49K+.

Contact Sharon Walsh, George Bigelow, Roland Griffiths, or Maxine Stitzer; BPRU, Behavioral Biology Research Center; . 5510 Nathan Shock Drive; Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus; Baltimore, Maryland 21224-6823. (410) 550-1060; swalsh@jhmi.edu. Cf <http://bpru.med.jhu.edu>

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