POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Visiting Research Scientist, Visiting Research Associate, or Visiting Post-doctoral Research Analyst
Center for Postsecondary Research
School of Education Indiana University

The Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research (CPR) seeks to appoint an Assistant/Associate Research Scientist, Research Associate, or Post-doctoral Research Analyst to join our team of creative, productive higher education researchers and assessment professionals. (Research scientist appointments require a doctorate, with rank based on experience.) This position is a one year position. Reappointment for a second year is possible based on continued funding and satisfactory job performance. CPR hosts the National Survey of Student Engagement and five other national survey projects – Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement, Faculty Survey of Student Engagement, Law School Survey of Student Engagement, College Student Experiences Questionnaire, Strategic National Arts Alumni Project, and the Project on Academic Success – as well as other research and service projects focused on student success. CPR personnel conduct sponsored research and work with institutional researchers, assessment professionals, academic leaders, and college and university presidents to aid institutional improvement efforts.

Duties:

Principal responsibilities include the following: Interfacing and collaborating with research staff at the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center (NSCRC) and directing graduate student research assistants to help produce NSCRC Signature Reports (http://nscresearchcenter.org/category/reports/signature-report/) and other reports as contracted. In addition the successful candidate will work with higher education institutions and agencies to conduct survey research projects and other small research projects. Applicants should have skills in education research and data analysis; data management; questionnaire design and qualitative data collection; managing research contracts; preparing analytical reports and research papers; contributing to efforts to assess the psychometric properties of surveys and other data collection tools; reporting research results at user workshops and professional conferences; and other duties related to research and data management. Applicants will also be asked to work on RFI’s, RFP’s, contracts, and to work on grant proposals.

This position is currently funded at a .75 full-time equivalent. Depending on funding, the position could increase to as much as 1.0 FTE.

Qualifications:

A doctoral degree in higher education, educational research, the social or behavioral sciences, or a related field is strongly preferred. A minimum of 1-3 years of experience in institutional research or applied research in higher education or a related area is highly desirable. Preferred skills and abilities include some combination of the following: knowledge of quantitative research design and data analysis including multivariate statistics, survey methodology, and psychometric theory; proficiency in statistical, spreadsheet, database, and word processing software packages including STATA, SPSS, and Excel; knowledge of qualitative research design and processes. Applicants must have strong analytical, writing, and interpersonal skills, and demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative research environment.
Salary and benefits are competitive. The preferred start for the appointment is June 1, 2014.

To apply:

Submit a letter of application, résumé, and contact information for at least three references to Dr. Don Hossler, Director of the Center for Postsecondary Research and Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Electronic applications are encouraged; submit materials to Hossler@indiana.edu. Street address: 1900 East 10th Street Suite 419, Bloomington, IN 47406-7512. Phone: 812-856-5824. Fax: 812-856-5150. Review of applications will begin May 15, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. For more information about CPR and PAS visit our respective Web sites: http://cpr.iub.edu and http://pas.indiana.edu/.

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