



Illinois Education Research Council

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ILLINOIS EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE (Located 30 minutes from downtown St. Louis, MO)

2009-2011 Postdoctoral Fellow/Scholar

The Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) is offering an opportunity for an education researcher with a higher education focus to join its research team and to gain experience working in a rigorous and high-paced setting that is closely connected to statewide policy issues. The IERC was established in 2000 as an independent applied research entity “to provide objective and reliable evidence for P-20 education policy making and program development” (<http://ierc.siue.edu>). In 2007, the IERC was given legislated responsibility to provide research and coordinate research collection activities for the state’s newly created Illinois P-20 Council. The IERC is located administratively within SIUE’s School of Graduate Studies and Research.

The project that will engage much of the effort of this researcher is to continue the longitudinal study of the 113,600 students in the Illinois high school class of 2002 through college. S/he will also support Illinois’ efforts to align its K-12 and higher education systems.

The ideal candidate will have a doctoral degree in Education Policy Analysis, Higher Education, Institutional Research or a related field, and demonstrated proficiency in designing and conducting academically rigorous policy-related education research. Strong quantitative analytic skills and demonstrated expertise in accessing, manipulating and interpreting large complex student-level data sets required. Demonstrated ability to present and communicate complex research findings to non-researchers. Experience working with longitudinal college student data sets and education research on the transition from high school to college, and college transfer and persistence strongly preferred. Requires proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software, and expertise with SAS or SPSS. The successful candidate will be well organized, comfortable working under deadlines, have a high attention to detail and accuracy and yet be flexible to changing priorities, and have demonstrated success in completing projects on time. Must have excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, and be able to work both independently and collaboratively.

The appointee will hold a non tenure-track (full time, 12 month) research faculty position with benefits. The position is funded through June 30, 2011, with the possibility of renewal if additional funding is received. The salary range for this position is \$40,000 to \$60,000, depending on experience and qualifications. Less than full time at a higher salary will be considered for senior-level applicants, with possibility of full time if funding becomes available.

Applications received by October 26, 2009 will receive priority consideration; however, applications will be accepted until position is filled. Start date is negotiable. Please submit letter of application, CV, and contact information of three references to:

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