Applied Social Science Position

Full-time Researcher

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Salt Lake City, Utah

Research Information Division

Under the direction of the General Authorities, we provide timely, relevant, and reliable research information. At their request, we help identify needs, analyze problems, and suggest solutions. The issues we address are interesting, challenging, and wide-ranging in scope. For example, we study and consult on basic religious processes, evaluate Church programs and products, and monitor key trends.

We work in a dynamic, team-oriented environment and are looking for bright, talented, energetic people to join us. Our division includes research professionals from a variety of social science disciplines. Each individual is expected to participate in research, scholarship, team leadership, and consulting.

General Qualifications

Education

Master's or PhD degree in the social/behavioral sciences

Work Experience

Minimum of two years professional work experience (includes graduate assistantships)

Other Requirements

Ability to work under pressure on multiple projects

Occasional travel

Member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in good standing

Specific Qualifications

This position involves all phases of applied research from conceptualization of information needs to consulting on use of information. Candidates must have demonstrated ability in and/or potential to:

Research Produce quality information using appropriate research methods

(qualitative and quantitative) and communicate findings through written

reports and presentations

Scholarship Develop theoretical models to explain complex ideas

Leadership Participate in or direct multi-disciplinary teams using strong

interpersonal skills

Consult with clients to solve organizational problems and answer

administrative questions

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Start Date

Preferred January to May 2013 or as negotiated, depending on candidate availability

Salary

Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Includes attractive benefits package (e.g. health insurance, group life insurance plan, employer-matched savings plan, retirement plan)

Relocation reimbursement may be available

Application

Apply on-line: www.LDS.jobs (Click on the "Advanced Search" link and enter the job reference ID number **98733** in the "Job Opening ID" field after signing in)

Please include in your on-line application a letter of introduction describing your qualifications and what you feel you would contribute to this work.

For full consideration apply before October 26, 2012.

Questions about this position can be directed to:

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