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

5+ years professional work experience preferred, but will consider those with 2-5 years (includes graduate assistantships)

We have a particular interest in those with experience in one or more of the following areas: demography; database management; advanced statistics; conceptual and theoretical frameworks

Other Requirements

Ability to work under pressure on multiple projects

Occasional travel

Member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and currently temple worthy

Specific Qualifications

This position involves all phases of applied research from conceptualizing 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 oral presentations

Scholarship Develop models and other products to explain complex ideas

Leadership Participate in/direct multi-disciplinary teams—strong interpersonal skills

Consulting Consult with clients to help answer important questions and address

organizational challenges

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Start Date

Preferred January 2016 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 134938 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 November 15, 2015.

Questions about this position can be directed to:

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