

# Applied Social Science or Product Researcher

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

## Posting Info:

Job ID:	155331
Type of position:	Regular full-time
Posting Dates:	5/18/2016 – 6/1/2016
Department:	Correlation – Research Information Division (RID)
Start Date:	Preferred July to September 2016 or as negotiated
Salary:	Commensurate with qualifications and experience

## Purposes

This position conducts all phases of applied social science or program/product research from consulting on the potential for possible products, defining information needs, to consulting on the use of information. Products include Church programs, curriculum products, training, etc. Research enables Church leaders to design, develop, and implement quality products that will effectively help individuals and families come unto Christ.

## Responsibilities

- Conduct Research* Work with clients to define research needs. Apply strong theoretical and conceptual thinking to designing research (qualitative and quantitative) within organizational constraints. Produce quality information and communicate findings and implications through written reports and presentations. Oversee data collection and data analysis. Create databases and analyze data using inferential statistics.
- Conceptualize* Ability to think broadly about the use, usefulness, and potential effectiveness of specific products (programs, materials, messaging) in the mission of the Church to bring souls to Christ. Develop models to explain complex ideas.
- Consult* Consult with clients to answer administrative questions and solve complex problems.
- Lead Others* Use strong interpersonal skills to direct or participate in multi-disciplinary teams; mentor junior colleagues; be accountable for the quality of work processes and products; and manage limited resources well.

## Qualifications

Master's or PhD degree (preferred) in the social/behavioral sciences, evaluation research or media research

Minimum of two to seven years professional work experience

Knowledge and experience assessing outreach programs and institutional messaging for varied audiences in different global settings preferred

Ability to work under pressure on multiple projects and administrative duties

Strong oral and written communication skills

Ability to provide excellent customer service

Occasional travel

Advanced statistical expertise very helpful

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

## Research Information Division (RID)

Under the direction of the General Authorities, RID provides 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 conceptualization, research, leadership, and consulting.

## Application

Apply on-line: [www.LDS.jobs](http://www.LDS.jobs) (Click on the "Advanced Search" link and enter the job reference ID number **155331** in the "Job Opening ID" field after signing in.)

Please include in your on-line application 1) a letter of introduction describing your qualifications and what you feel you would contribute to this work and 2) a vita or resume.

For full consideration apply before **June 1, 2016**.

Questions about this position can be directed to:

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