Position Announcement:
Project Scientist in Education and Political Science
University of California, Riverside

The Civic Engagement Research Group in the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) invites applications for a Project Scientist position. This is a part-time, 50% position with an initial appointment term of one year with the possibility of reappointment contingent upon performance and funding.

We are looking for a candidate to guide, implement and support several aspects of the scholarly and school reform oriented work we are currently undertaking. Specific projects include:

- Support with the design of student survey items that we administer in school districts.
- Leadership on the analysis of student surveys to be used for the creation of school reports and of a set of district reports that communicate findings from the survey analyses.
- Scholarly studies and writing based on panel data from student surveys that will focus on at least four topics:
  - Analyses of the impact of civic learning opportunities on varied academic priorities such as attendance and grades.
  - Analyses of the responsive school cultures and their impact on academic outcomes.
  - Analysis of access, equity and impact of social science learning opportunities on desired academic outcomes (such as better grades) and civic outcomes (such as participation in service or following the news), and
  - Support the team in conducting an experimental study of media literacy modules piloted in a randomized controlled trial so that we can rigorously assess the impact of a new initiative on both academic and civic outcomes.
- Assist with completing any IRB updates needed in order to undertake this work at UCR.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. plus five years of experience working at the Ph.D. level and at least 3 published peer reviewed articles that employ advanced statistical analysis to examine youth political socialization.

Applicants must also have:
- Advanced knowledge of statistical methods and theory;
  A solid grounding in digital media and civic/political engagement literatures–especially as related to youth;
- Data analysis using appropriate software (e.g. SPSS, Stata, LISREL) as needed;
- Preparation of written reports and correspondence;
- Demonstrated experience with Microsoft Word and Excel.
Applicants should submit a cover letter that describes their past five years of professional work and current areas of interest, a statement regarding contributions to diversity and inclusion, a curriculum vitae, and 3 letters of recommendation. All materials must be uploaded using UCR’s on-line application system via https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/JPF01414. To ensure full consideration, applications and supporting materials should be received by June 20, 2021. Review of applicants will continue until the position is filled.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.