

Graduate Research Assistant for Early Learning / Education Finance Cost-Modeling

Department: Human Services Policy Center, Evans School of Public Affairs
Date Available: September 16, 2007
Application Deadline: August 27, 2007.

About Us:

The Human Services Policy Center (HSPC) is a research center at the Evans School of Public Affairs. The Center pairs applied analytic research with the promotion of policies that improve the lives of children, families, and communities. The Center addresses issues that matter to families, with special attention to the needs of those who are disadvantaged and focuses on policies affecting health, education, safety and economic well-being.

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General Duties/Description:

This position will work primarily on the Early Care & Education (ECE) financial modeling currently being conducted in two states to explore the costs of different levels of program quality for 0-5 age children. We also anticipate that this position will assist with HSPC's ongoing K-12 Education Finance policy modeling project, which explores the cost and equity of alternative approaches to improving student achievement in elementary, middle, and high schools.

The RA will work with the project director, policy analyst and other staff. Tasks will include obtaining data from sample jurisdictions, providing statistical and programming support for the cost model, analyzing and manipulating data, and assisting with the writing of final reports.

The position is available September 16, 2007 and is projected to extend through the end of the Spring 2008 quarter. This position is twenty hours a week; the schedule is to be determined.

Requirements:

- Graduate student in a relevant discipline such as economics, education, statistics, public affairs, social work or sociology.
- Proficiency with spreadsheet modeling in Excel, including financial calculations, creating complex data relationships, managing large data sets, and generating charts and related output.
- Ability to conduct statistical analysis with minimum supervision.
- Strong research, writing and communication skills.
- Experience or interest in Early Learning, K-12 education finance and public policy.

Desired:

- Experience with STATA for managing data and conducting quantitative analysis.

The University of Washington is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact the Disability Services Office at 206.543.6450 / 206.543.6452 (tty) or dso@u.washington.edu.

Salary:

Salary is commensurate with academic standing. Compensation includes a tuition waiver and graduate appointee insurance.

How to Apply:

Please email, fax, or send by postal mail both resume and cover letter to:

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Applications will be reviewed in order received. Early applications are encouraged.

Notes:

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