

## **Job Posting - Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Education Policy Postdoctoral Research Fellow**

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### **Summary:**

This IES-funded Education Policy Postdoctoral Research Fellowship is intended to provide a research training opportunity to a recent Ph.D. recipient while furthering the mission of the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan in terms of conducting high quality research that informs policy issues.

The Research Fellow will have the opportunity to work with faculty engaged in education policy research across a number of schools and departments: the Ford School of Public Policy (Brian Jacob, Susan Dynarski, and Kevin Stange), the School of Education (Brian McCall, Peter Bahr, and Steve DesJardins), and the Economics Department (John Bound and Jeff Smith). The Fellow will engage in ongoing education-related research projects, investigating issues such as charter schools, postsecondary attainment, high school curricular reforms, state college aid programs, and teacher effectiveness. The Fellow will participate in all aspects of the research process, including design, IRB administration, analysis, and presentation.

The Fellow will also have the opportunity to develop and lead additional education research projects. Generally, the Fellow should expect to spend about 30% of his/her time working on research projects already ongoing at the Ford School, while dividing the other 70% between building new collaborations at the University of Michigan and his/her own ongoing work. The Ford School is home to a dynamic community of researchers, and the Fellow will have ample opportunity for professional development – via participation in a variety of seminars, trainings, and through exposure to high-profile speakers.

The Fellow will not have any teaching responsibilities. This is a 2-year fellowship with competitive salary and benefits.

### **Qualifications:**

Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. in a relevant social science discipline after 2009 and prior to August 31, 2012. Academic research experience in public policy, political science, education, quantitative methodology, or other similar fields. Experience with administrative data, sampling methods and primary data collection processes; knowledge of education policy issues; experience with data processing, archiving, analysis and report writing, including statistical analysis; experience with major social science database and statistical software packages such as SPSS or Stata; excellent communication skills, both oral and written; attention to detail; strong organizational skills; excellent interpersonal skills; the ability to multi-task and prioritize efforts across simultaneous projects; and the ability to work both as part of a team and individually while meeting deadlines.

### **Application Deadline is January 15, 2012**

Please send application materials in electronic form to Bonnie Roberts [fischerb@umich.edu](mailto:fischerb@umich.edu). Applications should include a CV, writing sample, and three letters of recommendation.

### **U-M EEO/AA Statement:**

The University of Michigan is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.