



Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Community Engagement

2015 to 2017

The Center for Social Concerns at the University of Notre Dame is seeking a full-time, two-year postdoctoral research fellow who can begin work in August 2015 or before.

OVERVIEW → Founded in 1983, the Center for Social Concerns is an academic institute at Notre Dame that fosters student and faculty engagement in issues of social concern and justice. Each year, approximately 1,000 undergraduate students enroll in over 25 Center-facilitated courses built on community engagement. Students are placed at sites in the local community, across the United States, and internationally. To enhance such efforts across the University, the Center offers course-development grants, research awards, and consultation to faculty and graduate students in each College.

The Center conducts research on the impact of such initiatives on students' personal, ethical, and professional development, including understanding of Catholic social tradition. Research fellows collaborate with faculty and staff to build research initiatives, co-facilitate national studies, supervise undergraduate research assistants, publish in an array of venues, and participate in grant writing.

Responsibilities

1. To strengthen the Center's capacity to fulfill its research agenda.
2. To make use of existing Center data and collect new data assessing the impact of community-based learning efforts on students and local communities. The fellow's research should result in the publication of scholarly manuscripts and research articles.
4. To assist the Center with the development and writing of reports and the creation of instruments for the assessment of programs and student learning. The Center is developing university-wide assessment tools and related impact measures, to which the Fellow may contribute.
3. To offer one course each year that is consistent with the Center's mission and builds on the Fellow's area of expertise: for example, a course that helps students learn relevant research skills, address a community issue, or foster diversity education.

Requirements

1. Strong research skills (both quantitative and qualitative methods, preferred)
2. Record of publication (including abilities to conceptualize, collaborate, and move to closure)
3. Experience/interest in higher education, engaged pedagogies, and/or applied research
4. Ph.D. in field consistent with research and teaching at the Center (e.g., psychology, sociology, higher education, peace studies, or like). Degrees from interdisciplinary programs welcome.

Salary: \$39–43,000/year, plus benefits

Reporting: Position reports to Director of Research

The review process will begin March 1, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. To ensure consideration, please send the following items electronically to Jay Brandenberger at cntres@nd.edu: 1) letter of interest describing experience, research goals, and project potentials, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) sample of scholarly work (publication or professional writing sample), 4) relevant course syllabus (optional), and 4) contact information for three professional references.

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