Title: Postdoctoral Scholar, Ecampus Research Unit

Position:

The Ecampus Research Unit (ECRU) at Oregon State University is looking for a full-time Postdoctoral Scholar to work on exciting new online education research projects.

The ECRU is part of Extended Campus, a fast-growing, entrepreneurial organization with a commitment to providing access to Oregon State University’s programs through the administration of Oregon State Ecampus (online degrees) and Open Oregon State (online resources).

In 2015, Extended Campus created the ECRU to support research-based innovations in online education toward the fulfillment of the goals of OSU’s mission statement. Since its inception, the ECRU has conducted campus-based and national research projects, launched a podcast focused on research literacy, won over $1.1 million in grants and contracts for ECRU research and campus-based initiatives, and secured two book contracts for edited collections on distance education best practices.

The Postdoctoral Scholar will work as a member of the ECRU on all aspects of research, including study design, participant recruitment, data collection, data analysis, and dissemination of findings. The successful applicant will specialize in quantitative research skills and be able to work both independently and in diverse collaborative teams.

Stipend and benefits conform to postdoctoral scholar standards at OSU. More information about postdoctoral scholar appointments at OSU can be found at: http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/postdocs

Responsibilities

35% Research Design and Implementation
The Postdoctoral Scholar assists with conducting original research on behalf of the research unit, including designing studies, seeking IRB approval, and collecting data.

35% Data Analysis & Presentation
The Postdoctoral Scholar prepares data for analysis and analyzes data using quantitative approaches appropriate to the research plan. In particular, this position will provide support for statistical analyses needed for ECRU research projects. This position will also develop presentations of research outcomes in a range of forms including reports, peer-reviewed articles, webinars, and other mediums for distribution to a wide range of audiences.
**15% Grant Seeking**
This position will contribute to the grant and external funding acquisition of the research unit.

**15% Professional Development**
This position requires that 15% of the Postdoctoral Scholar’s time should be devoted to professional development activities that develop core competencies outside of regular research responsibilities, including attending relevant workshops and meetings to stay current on subject matter expertise and reading appropriate professional journals and trade publications.

**Required Qualifications**

- Within five years of completing a doctoral degree
- Demonstrated expertise with SPSS and Microsoft Excel preferred, familiarity with other quantitative and qualitative software packages (e.g. SAS, Stata, R, NVivo, Atlas.ti) helpful
- Strong analytical skills, including demonstrated experience with quantitative data management and analysis
- Demonstrated ability to translate statistical or quantitative analyses into written summaries and appropriate data displays for various stakeholder groups
- Demonstrated understanding of human subjects considerations in social science research
- Thorough, dependable, and consistent in work performance
- Capable of working independently and in collaborative groups in a fast-paced environment
- Highly organized with strong time-management skills and the ability to set priorities, communicate progress regularly, and meet critical deadlines
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including original writing, proofing, and light copy-editing

**Desired qualifications**

- Doctoral degree in education, evaluation, assessment, or related field; or doctoral degree with experience working in educational research setting
- Experience conducting educational or social science research and/or evaluation studies
- Graduate level coursework in social science research methods and statistics
- Experience conducting meta-analyses
- Work experience in higher education and/or teaching experience in higher education
- Experience writing grant proposals for foundations and/or federal agencies

**Application Instructions**

Applicants must send: (1) a cover letter, (2) curriculum vita, and (3) names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of three professional references, at least one whom has been a previous
supervisor. References will not be contacted without permission. Application materials should be sent to: Kaylyn Hymes at kaylyn.hymes@oregonstate.edu

OSU commits to inclusive excellence by advancing equity and diversity in all that we do. We are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, and particularly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, veterans, LGBTQ community members, and others who demonstrate the ability to help us achieve our vision of a diverse and inclusive community.