



## School of Social Work

### **Associate Dean for Research And Director of Regional Research Institute**

(One faculty position effective 7/1/2008)

#### **Position Summary**

The School of Social Work at Portland State University invites applications for one position at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor for the dual role of Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Regional Research Institute for Human Services (RRI). Responsibilities involve promotion and support of research activities across the School of Social Work, leadership of a major research institute, research and scholarly activities, doctoral student advising, as well as school, university and community service.

The position is a full-time, 1.00 FTE, 12 month, tenured academic appointment at the Associate or Full Professor level, concurrent with a renewable appointment as Director of the RRI and Associate Dean for Research, scheduled to begin July 1, 2008. Rank and salary are open and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

#### **Qualifications**

Applicants must have an earned Doctorate in Social Work or related discipline. Although all substantive areas are open, we seek applicants who have an established program of research, experience in administrative and leadership roles, and expertise in applied research. We are especially interested in applicants who have teaching and/or research experience with demonstrated competencies in multicultural issues.

Responsibilities of the position:

- Provide leadership in setting directions and developing priorities for research initiatives across the units of the School of Social Work
- Promote an environment conducive to creative, collaborative work and encourage the development of research interests and opportunities
- Serve as a consultant to faculty in developing grant proposals, in designing and conducting research, and in disseminating findings
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with community, state and federal agencies that support and use applied research
- Develop and cultivate external funding sources for research projects
- Promote opportunities for participation in research in the education of master's and doctoral students in social work and related disciplines
- Provide leadership in establishing the priorities, policies, and administrative functions of the RRI
- Maintain overall responsibility for management of RRI's budget and fiscal administration
- Oversee recruitment, appointment and management of principal RRI staff

#### **The Regional Research Institute for Human Services (RRI)**

The Regional Research Institute for Human Services (RRI) was established in 1972. The RRI has undertaken a broad range of applied research projects, several of them national in scope, in such fields as youth services, family and child welfare, child care, employment rehabilitation, and mental health. The Regional Research Institute for Human Services (RRI) provides support for faculty members' research efforts, and it also employs over 75 grant-funded researchers and staff. The Institute has research and evaluation relationships with a variety of community and state agencies and research funding from a number of state and federal sources. It houses a national center, the *Research and Training Center (RTC) on Family Support and Children's Mental Health* as well as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Program office for *Reclaiming Futures, Communities Helping Teens Overcome Drugs, Alcohol and Crime*. The Institute enjoys a base of support from the University and has received more than \$60 million in grants and contracts.

The aim of the Institute is to improve human services through applied social research and to contribute to the educational programs of the School and related disciplines at the University. Through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements, the Institute offers research services and evaluation, research design, surveys, statistical analysis and training in the use of computerized client information systems for program planning. The Institute also contributes to the development of curriculum, the employment of graduate students, and the support and supervision of research by masters and doctoral level students.

### **School of Social Work**

The School of Social Work at Portland State University offers a Bachelors degree in Child and Family Studies, Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree, and a Ph.D. degree in Social Work and Social Research. The School offers the only accredited graduate social work education program in Oregon. A Bachelors degree program in Social Work is scheduled to begin in September 2008. The School has 28 full-time equivalency instructional faculty members with a graduate enrollment of over 400 students. The School hosts the Center for the Improvement of Child and Family Services which includes the Child Welfare Partnership (CWP). Established in 1994, the CWP brings together Portland State University and the Oregon State Department of Human Services. This integrated partnership of research, training, and graduate social work education was developed to improve the delivery of child welfare services to children and families in Oregon. In addition to these collaborative efforts, the School added a fully accredited Distance Learning option to our MSW program in 1997. The Distance Education Option is vital to the University's goals of enhanced access and service to the statewide community and combines the use of interactive technology and on-site instruction. The School also has an active doctoral program in Social Work and Social Research. Begun in 1992, the program prepares students to understand critical social welfare problems, to conduct research and policy analysis related to solutions, to take responsibility for program development and administration in human services and to teach and provide leadership. The RRI and RTC are major resources for the PhD program.

The School actively seeks to achieve cultural diversity. The Cultural Competence and Diversity Council is composed of faculty, students, and practitioners and is responsible for assisting in the recruitment and support of students.

### **Portland State University**

Portland State University, the urban institution of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, has the largest and most diverse enrollment of any university in the state with approximately 25,000 students, including more than 6,000 graduate students, representing over 90 different countries. The university offers over 120 degree-granting programs. Portland State University is an AA/EO institution and, in keeping with the President's diversity initiative, welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants should provide copies of the following documents:

- cover letter
- curriculum vitae
- three selected publications representative of work
- names of four references

Review of applications will begin September, 2007, and continue until finalists are identified. Please send materials to:

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Applicants are invited to review our web site at: <http://www.ssw.pdx.edu>