



Assistant Director and Research Associate Professor - Population Research Center

Background

The Population Research Center (PRC) is a program of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies (IMS) within the College of Urban and Public Affairs. The PRC fulfills statutory requirements under the Oregon State Data Center program and the Oregon Population Estimates program. In addition, the PRC works with local and state government and nonprofit agencies to conduct demographic analysis that supports public and private decision making, such as school enrollment forecasts, analysis of trends and issues related to aging and public health, housing needs, and small geography population estimates. The PRC also illustrates these data using GIS and other spatial and statistical analytical techniques. The PRC works with other staff at the IMS to offer data analysis to a variety of public and private decision makers. Finally, the PRC supports research in other parts of the college and university by offering demographic analysis components of larger projects.

Position Summary

The principal duties of the successful candidate will be to lead demographic research in support of the missions of the IMS and the PRC. The successful candidate will also assist the IMS director in program development, human resource development and management, and strategic planning for the IMS and the PRC.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead ongoing research efforts in the PRC, including demographic analysis, population forecasting, population estimation, and spatial and statistical analysis of demographic data
- Oversee the implementation of PRC's statutory responsibilities in the State Data Center and Population Estimates program
- Collaborate with state and local governments and the U.S. Census Bureau to develop and disseminate accurate state and local demographic data, including small area estimates
- Collaborate with other research programs at PSU and other Oregon University System (OUS) institutions, assisting in preparing grant applications and providing the demographic component to their research
- Develop new areas of externally funded research that complement PRC's and IMS's existing strengths and missions
- Identify and secure external sources of funds that will supplement the funding available to the PRC/IMS
- Teach courses in Applied and/or Social Demography within the School of Urban Studies and Planning
- Provide supervision for other demographic researchers and graduate students employed on PRC projects
- Assist the IMS director in strategic planning and program development, including creating and maintaining relationships with research partners and clients

Minimum Qualifications / Skills

- Ph.D in Demography, Sociology, Geography, Economics, or a related field
- At least three years of experience in applied demography research in a collaborative environment
- A track record of success in attracting grant and contract funding
- Desire and experience in program development and collaboration
- Excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability and desire to publish in professional journals

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience leading or managing a research program
- Experience with web-based data sharing techniques, GIS, or spatial statistical analysis

Compensation

This is a 12-month fixed term position. The starting annual salary rate for this position will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. Compensation includes an excellent benefits package including fully paid healthcare; a generous retirement and vacation package; and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or one dependant at any of the Oregon University System schools.

To Apply

Please send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and three references by October 30, 2009 to:

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Applications may be sent via email to renfrowe@pdx.edu

More information about the Population Research Center and the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies can be found at www.pdx.edu/ims/ and www.pdx.edu/prc/

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