

Senior Study Director of Education

Insight Policy Research (Insight), a rapidly growing, dynamic research and evaluation organization, is seeking an experienced **Senior Study Director** for our Education practice with expertise in managing qualitative and quantitative research methods and program evaluation. We are a well-established small business, having provided nationally recognized research and evaluation services to federal, state, and private-sector clients for the past 16 years. Our focus is on issues affecting at-risk and vulnerable populations. Headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, we conduct research in the areas of education, health, nutrition, and family support services. We offer outstanding potential for growth and competitive salaries and benefits, including telecommuting, in a collegial, family-friendly environment. For further information, including the types of studies we conduct, please visit our website: www.insightpolicyresearch.com.

Position Summary

The essential functions of this position include designing and directing mixed-methods research and evaluation studies, managing qualitative and quantitative data collection, communicating with clients, and preparing final reports and briefings. **Candidates must have at least 5 years of experience leading federal contracts.** Experience leading and/or writing successful proposals in response to federal solicitations is preferred.

Responsibilities

- ▶ Design and lead both quantitative and qualitative research projects, particularly focused on K-12 education, career and technical education, and postsecondary education
- ▶ Work with education stakeholders at the local, state, and national level
- ▶ Identify appropriate analytical methods, conduct analyses, write reports, and present the findings to policy and professional audiences
- ▶ Direct research teams and oversee data collection, analyses, and other aspects of projects and keep projects on schedule and within budget
- ▶ Mentor junior staff to help them further their skills, knowledge, and experience
- ▶ Ensure accuracy and high quality of deliverables and contribute to the creation of innovative products
- ▶ Lead quantitative and qualitative data collection (e.g., surveys, interviews, focus groups, observations, student assessments) and take a lead role in analyses
- ▶ Design approaches for studies and lead proposal development efforts for new research projects

Education

- ▶ Ph.D. in a social science field or master's degree in economics, public policy, sociology, statistics, psychology, or related field

Qualifications

- ▶ Five years of professional research experience and an established research record
- ▶ Understanding of national education priorities, education reform, and emerging areas of interest.
- ▶ Experience developing logic models, research questions, and relevant indicators for performance measurement.
- ▶ Experience leading mixed-methods studies requiring quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis skills.
- ▶ Programming expertise in a major statistical package (e.g., SAS, STATA, SPSS)
- ▶ Ability to effectively prioritize and manage competing deadlines.
- ▶ Excellent written and oral communication skills, including an ability to translate research findings for a policy audience

Contact

EEO: All candidates will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.

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