Post-Doctoral Child Welfare Research Fellowship Position

The University of Vermont, Department of Social Work's Child Welfare Training Partnership is accepting applications for an 11 month Post-Doctoral Research Fellow beginning August 15, 2016 – July 15, 2017 with the possibility of renewal for an additional year.

The Fellowship is designed to support early career scholars in their development of implementation research and evaluation in the field of public child welfare. The Fellowship is designed to foster the academic careers of scholars who have recently received their Ph.D. degrees by permitting them to pursue their research and acquire teaching experience while gaining mentored experience in the Vermont Child Welfare Training Partnership (VT-CWTP). The Child Welfare Training Partnership’s vision is to provide competency based training and research aimed at improving the safety, permanency, well-being for Vermont’s most vulnerable children, youth and families.

Responsibilities and Workload

**Mentored Research:** Fellows will have the opportunity to enhance their skills in research project development, project management, grant writing, data collection and analysis, manuscript preparation, and other scholarly activities as defined by the fellow and her/his mentor. Examples of potential projects the fellow can collaborate on include:

- **National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship – VT Site** Supporting stability and well-being for children adopted through public child welfare systems  
  *(Funded through the US Department of Health and Human Services, ACF Children’s Bureau)*
- **VT Placement Stability Project:** Improving social and emotional well-being for children and youth in foster care through family engaged, adoption competent, trauma informed, and evidence based services and supports  
  *(ACF Children’s Bureau Trauma Grants Cohort 3, US Department of Health and Human Services)*
- **CWTP training evaluation and DCF quality improvement administrative data** –  
  *(Funded through the Federal/State of Vermont Title IV-E grant)*

**Professional Development Opportunities:** The Post Doc fellow will work closely with a University of Vermont scholar. Co-mentors from related disciplines across the University who contribute to the Partnership may also be involved. Options for targeted coursework to enhance the Fellow’s research agenda and skills can be included in an individualized program. Fellows will be encouraged to take part in the many relevant cross-departmental lectures presented at the University of Vermont. Post Doc fellows will work collaboratively on publications and presentations. In addition, fellows will have the opportunity to enhance their teaching experience and take advantage of the broad resources and workshops at UVM’s center for teaching and learning.
**Teaching:** In addition to working on their research project, fellows may be expected to teach a course for the School during the fall and spring terms and to give a lecture from which a working paper may be produced.

Example workload of fellow may include:

- 70% Mentored research and evaluation related to public child welfare
- 10% Professional Development related to research
- 20% Teaching

**Eligibility**

We invite applications from qualified candidates with a Master’s degree in Social Work who have completed a Ph.D in Social Work or a closely related social science discipline. Candidates who do not yet hold a Ph.D. but expect to by October 1, 2016 should supply a letter from their home institution corroborating such a schedule.

Accepted fellows must be in residence full-time at the University of Vermont for the duration of the award period, and must participate in the School’s activities. Fellows may not hold other fellowship awards at the same time.

**Application Procedures**

To be considered for the postdoctoral fellowship, please submit an application with the following:

- Letter of intent addressed to Jessica Strolin-Goltzman at jstrolin@uvm.edu
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member and contact information for 2 additional references.
- Most recent curriculum vitae
- Research statement including current and future research interests, experience, training, publications, grants/funding, conferences.
- Teaching Statement should include your experience and philosophy of teaching.
- Application Review will begin on **April 30, 2016** (position will remain open until filled)

*The Department of Social Work is committed to increasing faculty diversity and welcomes applications from women and underrepresented ethnic, racial and cultural groups and from people with disabilities.*