

SR. EDUCATION RESEARCHER – POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ABOUT THE COMPANY:

Since 1984, Decision Information Resources, Inc. (DIR), a Houston, TX company, has provided clients with the research, evaluation, data collection and technical assistance services required to make informed decisions and improve performance. DIR's clients are primarily government, non-profit and other research organizations that depend upon our skilled staff for the design, implementation, and analysis of data and information to help measure the effectiveness of programs, improve policies, and plan strategies. DIR offers unique perspectives and sensitivities that are invaluable when working with diverse groups and populations.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Sr. Education Researcher will provide conceptual, technical, and project leadership to studies that focus on topics related to K-12 education and college access research and evaluation projects. Current education studies include design and implementation of middle school assessments, studies of school-wide behavior interventions, support to Regional Education Laboratories, studies of college access programs, and evaluations of teacher professional development initiatives.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Sr. Education Researcher responsibilities will include:

- Managing or leading evaluation projects or tasks, including primary data collection and study recruitment in school-based settings
- Developing conceptual frameworks that guide project work
- Applying appropriate techniques to collect, analyze and report qualitative and/or quantitative data
- Creating and piloting quantitative and qualitative data collection instruments
- Preparing OMB clearance packages
- Organizing and documenting analytical results and research procedures
- Preparing technical reports and presenting findings to clients
- Assisting in developing and drafting proposals
- Supervising and mentoring research associates

REQUIREMENTS:

- Education and Experience
 - Ph.D. or Master's degree with 5 – 7 years of relevant work experience in education research or the social sciences.
 - Demonstrated knowledge of K-12 education
 - Experience with methodologies used to collect, analyze, and report quantitative and qualitative data in school-based settings
- Other Skills and Abilities
 - Understands current education reform policy environment

- Has ability to learn unfamiliar substantive topic areas quickly
- Possesses strong oral and written communication skills, including specifically the ability to effectively communicate findings to diverse stakeholders and to produce concise, high-level summaries and briefings
- Demonstrates proficiencies in writing, conceptualizing, analyzing and consulting
- Possesses strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Possesses experience managing detailed projects and small teams
- Possesses experience with SPSS/SAS or other statistical software
- Experienced with proposal development and client relations

This position is of Exempt status. Travel is anticipated at about 10% of time.

This position is located in Houston, TX. Salary offered will be commensurate with academic background and relevant professional work experience. DIR offers liberal benefits.

HOW TO APPLY: Please submit a cover letter and resume that highlights any relevant experience and publications to: capinkett@dir-online.com, or fax 713-650-1576 – Attn: Human Resources. For more information about DIR – visit the website – www.dir-online.com.