



**POSITION DESCRIPTION
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Portland State University**

**Assistant Professor of Social Work – Tenure Track
Position #D96621
(One faculty position effective 9/16/2014)**

Position Summary

The School of Social Work at Portland State University invites applications for one position at the rank of Assistant Professor in support primarily of the B.A.S.W./B.S.S.W degree, with opportunities to teach also in the M.S.W. program and the Ph.D. program in Social Work and Social Research. Responsibilities involve teaching; research and scholarly activities; liaison with field agencies; school, university and community service; committee work; and student advising.

This position is nine-month, full-time, 1.00 FTE, tenure-track, academic appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, scheduled to begin September 16, 2014. Salary is open and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Qualifications

Applicant must have an earned Doctorate in Social Work or related discipline (e.g., education, human development/family studies, public health). However, ABD's will be considered who meet the position qualifications and include in their application materials a letter from their chair with a scheduled date of defense.

The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment to social justice.

Although all substantive areas are open, we primarily seek applicants who have expertise and interest in teaching in the following foundation curriculum areas: social work practice, policy, research, human behavior and social environment, field, and/or social justice. We are especially interested in applicants who have successful teaching experience (in-class and on-line), and interest and experience in teaching in a B.S.W. program. An M.S.W., two years post MSW practice experience, a record of publication and scholarly presentation, successful experience in obtaining research funding, and interdisciplinary experience are preferred.

School of Social Work

The School of Social Work at Portland State University offers Bachelor's degrees in Social Work, Child and Family Studies, the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree (with campus and distance options), and a Ph.D. degree in Social Work and Social Research. The School offers the only accredited graduate social work education in Oregon. The BSW and MSW Programs are accredited by CSWE. Prospective applicants are encouraged to consult the School website for information about the [BSW curriculum](#) and the new [MSW curriculum](#) (beginning Fall 2014), both of which are organized around the CSWE social work competencies and practice behaviors. The School has approximately 35 full-time and 25 part-time instructional faculty members with a graduate enrollment of over 500 students and undergraduate enrollment of approximately 250. The School hosts two major research and training units: the Regional Research Institute for Human Services (RRI) and The Center for the Improvement of Child and Family Services. Established in 1972, the aim of the [Regional Research Institute](#) is to improve human services and policies through applied social research and to contribute to the educational programs of the School and related disciplines at the University. The RRI houses the Research and Training Center (RTC) on Pathways 2 Positive Futures, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Program office for [Reclaiming Futures](#), [Communities Helping Teens Overcome Drugs, Alcohol and Crime](#) (). The [Center for the Improvement of Child and Family Services](#) spearheads training and research projects aimed at assisting public, tribal and private, non -profit systems to improve services provided to children and families. A major initiative is the Child Welfare Partnership, which brings together Portland State University

and the Oregon State Department of Human Services as an integrated partnership to improve the delivery of child and family services in Oregon. Annual revenue from externally-funded research is approximately 12 million dollars.

The School actively seeks to achieve social justice and equity. The Cultural Competence and Diversity Council is composed of faculty, students, and practitioners and is responsible for assisting in the recruitment, retention, and support of students. The faculty Committee on Social Justice and Diversity is providing leadership for the incorporation of social justice principles and practices across all units of the School of Social Work.

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 29,000 students, including more than 6,000 graduate students, representing over 90 different countries. (<http://www.pdx.edu/>) The university offers over 120 degree-granting programs.

Compensation

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Compensation includes an excellent benefits package with healthcare, reduced tuition rates and retirement.

Applications and Nominations:

We invite applications from and nominations of well-qualified individuals. Applicants are requested to submit the following documents electronically at <http://www.pdx.edu/hr/employment-opportunities-at-psu> :

- cover letter (please address your research experience and plans, commitment to social justice and equity, experience and interest in teaching in undergraduate and/or graduate programs)
- curriculum vitae
- names and contact information for **three** references
- If you are ABD status include a letter from your doctoral chair stating the date of your defense
- If you have teaching experience, a document providing evidence about teaching effectiveness

Applications should be received by **April 22, 2014**. The review of applications will begin immediately. Please submit materials to:

<http://www.pdx.edu/hr/employment-opportunities-at-psu> . No paper materials will be accepted at the School of Social Work unless requested.

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