



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Postdoctoral Fellow (2 openings)

Writing and Formative Assessment within Digital Workspaces
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Two 12 month IES-Funded Postdoctoral Fellow Training Program positions in: Writing and Formative Assessment within Digital Workspaces

The College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has openings for two postdoctoral fellows to participate in a one-year educational technology research-training program funded by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education. The positions offer both collaborative and independent research opportunities. The training program will prepare fellows to employ research in addressing theoretical, curricular, instructional, and policy-related questions relevant to the development and use of writing and assessment technologies in public school classrooms.

Specific research projects will be based upon the joint interests of the fellow and the University of Illinois faculty mentor(s). Three core faculty members will serve as program mentors: Dr. William Cope (literacies, educational assessment, and technology), Dr. Sarah McCarthey (professional development and writing instruction), and Dr. Mary Kalantzis (literacies). The program also has more than a dozen affiliated faculty members with whom the fellow may choose to work.

The ideal applicant will have expertise in two or more of the following areas: formative assessment, literacy, educational software design, data visualization, learning analytics, and writing curriculum and instruction. Desirable attributes also include strong analytic skills, experience conducting research with emerging writing technologies, experience with educational software design and development, and an interest in improving K12 public education for traditionally under-served students. We welcome applicants from the disciplines of language and literacy, multiliteracies, writing, curriculum and instruction, educational technology, learning sciences, anthropology, formative assessment, and related fields.

Start Date: July 16, 2014

Compensation: \$50,000 for one calendar year, plus dental and vision insurance, reimbursement of the monthly cost of a personal health insurance subscription, and a budget of \$5000 for research, training, and conference-related expenses.

Requirements for Position: Applicants must possess their doctoral degree before start date. Qualified U.S. citizens and permanent residents will be considered.

To Apply: Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and up to two writing samples to iesuiucpostdoc@gmail.com

Use the subject heading: 'IES UIUC Application Materials.' Semi-finalists will be required to arrange to have three letters of recommendation emailed directly the email above. Applicant review will begin May 8, 2014, and will continue until the positions are filled.

Prospective applicants with questions about the position may contact Justin Olmanson at iesuiucpostdoc@gmail.com.

The College of Education (CoE) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign support research and opportunities for collaboration with leaders in the field. The college is known for its research, innovative approaches to teaching, and service to the global community. U.S. News & World Report ranked CoE at Illinois in the top 20 graduate schools of education in the nation for 2014. More information about the college is available at <http://education.illinois.edu>.

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