The College of Education at Michigan State University is seeking a scholar of national standing in the field of education policy to occupy the Clifford E. Erickson Distinguished Chair in Education at Michigan State University. The position comes with a fund to support the Chair’s research activity. Although the search is open with respect to disciplinary background, those from the fields of economics, sociology, political science, policy, education measurement or other fields using large-scale data sets to inform education policy and practice are especially encouraged to apply. The position will reside with the Education Policy Program in the Department of Educational Administration at MSU, although affiliation with other departments in the college and university are possible depending on the candidate’s qualifications and requirements. The position is a 9-month tenured appointment with an August 16, 2017 start date.

It is expected that the successful candidate will enter the position at the rank of professor, although advanced associated professors with established records of accomplishment in research and teaching, as well as obtaining external financial support for their work and evidence of collaboration with local, state or national education agencies, with particular attention to issues of educational equity, are encouraged to apply.

Duties:
In addition to research, teaching and service responsibilities, the new faculty member will serve as the inaugural faculty director of a new center for the collection and study of longitudinal data for the scientific studies of K-12 students, teachers and schools. This center is developed at the College of Education in partnership with the State of Michigan and the University of Michigan. The express mission of this Center will be to provide access to data for researchers engaging in high-quality, timely, relevant scholarship in support of education policy and policymakers. In addition, the new faculty member will recruit, advise and mentor graduate students.

Over time, the faculty director will also work with the new Center’s executive director and with Center research and administrative staff to obtain financial support from a diverse array of government and philanthropic entities after the Center’s initial establishment.

In support of this mission, and in addition to Center resources, the successful candidate will be able to leverage key features of the College, including:

- The U.S. News and World Report number 1-ranked elementary and secondary teacher education faculty in the country, the number 2-ranked higher education faculty, the 11th ranked faculty in education policy, as well as top 10 faculty rankings in educational administration, educational psychology, and curriculum and instruction.
- An Education Policy Center led by the College of Education, with campus-wide faculty representing economics, sociology, psychometrics, political science, educational administration, teaching and learning and the field of law.
- A large array of external research grants and contracts from a diverse array of philanthropic and government sources.
- A campus-wide community of scholars with research interests in education policy from other departments such as Economics, Political Science, and the Law School.

Required qualifications:
• Earned doctorate and a record of national stature in scholarly achievement in a field related to education policy
• Evidence of a capacity to contribute to the intellectual, research and instructional life of the College and the University.
• Evidence of leadership in funded research projects

Preferred qualifications:
• A record of service and leadership in national or international professional associations
• Evidence of engagement or collaboration in partnerships with local, state or national education agencies

Application and Deadline:
Interested persons should apply to position 4096 via the link at https://jobs.msu.edu. Applications should include: (1) a cover letter detailing qualifications for the position; (2) a statement of research and teaching interests, (3) curriculum vitae, (4) up to three representative publications, and (5) names and contact information for three references.
Questions may be directed to the search co-chairs Dr. David Arsen (arsen@msu.edu) and Dr Ken Frank (kenfrank@msu.edu) or to other members of the search committee: Dr. Amita Chudgar (amitac@msu.edu), Dr. Joshua Cowen (jcowen@msu.edu), Dr. Sonya Gunnings-Moton (gunnings@msu.edu) and Dr. Rebecca Jacobsen (rjacobs@msu.edu).

Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled.

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