



Education Policy Researcher (Qualitative Research Methods Focus)

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RAND Education is particularly interested in applicants with research interests in higher education effectiveness, teacher quality, school accountability, and comparative global education policy issues. Researchers with other interests consistent with the areas listed above are also encouraged to apply.

Qualifications: All research positions at RAND require excellent analytical skills, the ability to communicate clearly and effectively (both orally and in writing), the ability to work effectively as a member of a multidisciplinary team, and a strong commitment to RAND's core values of quality, objectivity and impact. RAND Education is hiring multiple researchers who possess strong qualitative or mixed-methods research skills and demonstrated expertise in a policy-related topic such as those listed above.

Applicants must possess the following skills and experience:

- Designing research studies
- Developing research funding proposals (grants, contracts, research fellowships)
- Publishing in refereed journals or producing other peer-reviewed publications
- Working on research or evaluation projects across multiple sites

Applicants must have experience in two or more of the following areas:

- Developing and validating surveys and other data collection instruments
- Conducting interviews or focus groups
- Performing classroom observations
- Analyzing qualitative data using coding software
- Creating theory-based conceptual models and logic models to guide research designs

Educational requirements: Ph.D. in relevant field such as policy, behavioral science, or social science (Candidates at the dissertation stage who expect to complete a Ph.D. within 12 months may also apply.)

Location: Pittsburgh, Santa Monica, or Washington, DC

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