

Postdoctoral Research Associate in Parental Choice and K-12 Catholic Schools

The Institute for Educational Initiatives and the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame seek applicants for a two-year Postdoctoral Research Associate in Parental Choice and K-12 Catholic Schools, to begin June 1, 2012. This appointment will be awarded to a junior scholar with education research experience in one or more social science fields (e.g., sociology, psychology, political sciences, economics, public, policy, education) espousing a clear research interest in participant and school effects of school-choice policy initiatives. The Research Associate will be expected to design and lead an analysis of a set of Catholic schools participating in the new Indiana Choice Scholarship Program. In addition, the Research Associate will be expected to give a formal lecture through the Institute during the first year of his or her research, and to organize a small conference or symposium on school choice implementation at the end of the second year. He or she will not be expected to teach a course during the first year of the appointment, but may negotiate a teaching load for the second year.

The Research Associate will serve under the supervision of Dr. Mark Berends, director of the Notre Dame Center for Research on Educational Opportunity and Dr. Christian Smith, director of the Notre Dame Center for the Study of Religion and Society. He or she will receive a salary of \$40,000 annually plus benefits, and negotiable research funding.

Candidates must have received the Ph.D. by the appointment date and must not be more than three years beyond the Ph.D. The Research Associate will be expected to reside in the South Bend area.

Applications must be received by 5p.m. EST on February 27, 2012. Application review will begin on March 1, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates with a special interest in working at a Catholic university are especially welcome.

Applicants should submit: 1) a cover letter and description of no more than five pages describing their research plan, indicating how it builds on existing scholarship and how it will be developed throughout the appointment, 2) a current CV, 3) a writing sample, and 4) the names and contact information for three references. Please send completed applications via e-mail to John Schoenig at Schoenig.1@nd.edu

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