



**Assistant/Associate Professor of Education Policy  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

The School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks applicants at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for a tenure-track position in education policy to begin in the 2015-2016 academic year, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2015.

Competitive candidates will have a strong foundation in the sociology of education and quantitative methods, with an active program of research that uses national, state and/or district datasets to study enduring issues of equity and improvement in education. Candidates' research expertise should be related to social stratification and mobility in education; school-community-family relationships; institutional structures of schooling; and/or race and class and their effects on educational opportunities and outcomes.

**Responsibilities:** Candidates for the position must be willing and able to conduct rigorous research; publish in top-tier, refereed journals; and secure outside funding to support doctoral students. Serving on the Policy, Leadership and School Improvement faculty, the successful candidate will develop and teach graduate courses in the sociology of education and education policy, and will also teach research design and advanced quantitative methods courses that serve the whole School. Candidates must be willing to advise graduate students to become productive, independent scholars and work collegially with diverse faculty and student populations.

**Candidates for this position must have:**

- An earned doctorate in education, educational policy, sociology, the sociology of education or related field;
- Evidence of, or clear potential for, a strong program of research in educational policy and/or the sociology of education; and
- Demonstrated expertise in quantitative methods.

**Preference will be given to candidates who possess:**

- A solid theoretical grounding in sociology; and
- A strong potential for securing external funding.

Candidates applying at the Associate level will have the aforementioned qualifications, along with evidence of an externally-funded program of research; a commitment to effective teaching and productive graduate student mentorship; publications in leading, peer-reviewed journals; and a growing national reputation.

**About the Program and School:**

The aim of the PhD program strand in Policy, Leadership and School Improvement is to prepare researchers who will influence the direction of educational organizations at home and around the world. It does so by developing 1) students' understanding of the societal, political and economic conditions affecting schools and school systems; 2) the capacity to analyze educational problems and the policies enacted to solve them; and 3) the ability to work with practitioners to design innovations and implementation processes that bring effective practices to scale.

The program is located within the School of Education at UNC – Chapel Hill. The School of Education is located at the flagship campus of the University of North Carolina, and situated between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the beautiful beaches of the Carolina coast.

The School has a tradition of excellence, and offers a welcoming, collaborative atmosphere for scholars to pursue the highest quality, impactful research and teaching. As a community, members of the School embrace the principles of social justice and a commitment to serving the state's schools and students, particularly those with the highest needs.

The School ranks among the nation's most distinguished in terms of total grant dollars awarded and articles and books per faculty member. Six of its programs are ranked among the top 20 in their fields, including the Policy, Leadership, and School Improvement PhD.

**Application Process:** To apply for the position please go to: <http://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/60453>, and attach a letter of application specifying the desired position, a curriculum vitae, two writing samples, and the names of three persons who may be contacted for letters of recommendation. The search committee will begin reviewing applications immediately and the search will remain open until filled.

For more information, email the search Chair, Dr. Lora Cohen-Vogel at [lora.cohen-vogel@unc.edu](mailto:lora.cohen-vogel@unc.edu).

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and welcomes all to apply regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. We also encourage protected veterans and individuals with disabilities to apply.**