

University of Southern California
School of Policy, Planning and Development
Research Associate, The Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy

Position Description and Qualifications

The Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy has an opening for a Research Associate. The candidate will contribute to the Center's ongoing research on philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. The Center's research focuses on three important areas: the changing landscape of philanthropy, philanthropic strategies for public problem solving, and philanthropic leadership and stewardship. Current projects include emerging models of foundation-government relationships, philanthropic strategies to impact public policy and social change, social entrepreneurship, and nonprofit capacity building.

The research associate is expected to contribute to these projects as well as develop new ones on his/her own, in collaboration with faculty fellows at the Center. Responsibilities will include developing appropriate research designs for project, data analysis, and writing reports. The candidate should have a master degree with relevant research and analysis experience on philanthropy and the nonprofit sector, at a minimum. A Ph.D. is a plus.

This is a one year appointment, renewable contingent on funding availability and performance. Depending on qualifications, the appointment may be as a post-doctoral research associate or research faculty.

About The Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy

The Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy promotes more effective philanthropy and strengthens the nonprofit sector through research that informs philanthropic decision making and public policy to advance public problem solving. Using California and the West as a laboratory, the Center conducts research on philanthropy, volunteerism, and the role of the nonprofit sector in America's communities.

In order to make the research a catalyst for understanding and action, the Center encourages communication among the philanthropic, nonprofit, and policy communities. This is accomplished through a series of convenings and conversations around research findings and policy issues to help key decision makers work together more effectively to solve public problems and to identify strategies for action.

For additional information, see our website: <http://www.usc.edu/philanthropy>.

About the School of Policy, Planning, and Development

The mission of the USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development is to educate leaders and produce knowledge that improves problem solving on the most critical issues facing society. Our ultimate goal is to contribute to the betterment of communities here and abroad. To that end, SPPD provides interdisciplinary solutions for the challenging and complex issues of governance, public policy, planning, management, and development. In addition, the school offers industry-

oriented programs with a significant public-private interface in health policy and management and real estate development. SPPD offers professional master's degrees, executive master's degrees, doctoral programs, and an undergraduate degree.

USC is one of the nation's premiere research universities, and SPPD is a major contributor to the university's reputation. SPPD supports an array of thematic research centers with \$16 million in active sponsored research, ranking third overall in funded research at USC on a per faculty basis. Much of the school's research is conducted through its centers, institutes, and research groups. In addition to The Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy, they include the Bedrosian Center on Governance and the Public Enterprise, the Lusk Center for Real Estate, the Schaeffer Center on Health, Policy and Economics, the Keston Institute for Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy, the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, the Metropolitan Transportation Center (METRANS), and the Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE), the country's first Homeland Security Center of Excellence.

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Compensation and Benefits

The University of Southern California offers a competitive salary within an academic environment based on the candidate's experience and accomplishments. The university also offers excellent benefits to employees, which include: health, dental and life insurance; tuition assistance; disability and retirement plans; credit union membership; and participation in cultural and social events, as well as access to athletic and recreational facilities.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer:

USC is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer that actively seeks diversity in its workplace.

Where to Apply

For consideration, a complete application should include a statement describing the applicant's research interests, experience, and a CV. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three references who can evaluate the applicant's qualifications for this position should be provided as well. Submitted materials are preferred electronically and should be sent to:

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Closing Date: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Position Start Date: October 1, 2010 or when an acceptable candidate is found.