

# Postdoctoral Research Fellow In Community-Based Learning

2010–2012

The University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns (CSC) is seeking a full-time, two-year postdoctoral research fellow who can begin work in August, 2010.

**OVERVIEW** Founded in 1983, the Center is an academic institute at Notre Dame that fosters student and faculty engagement in relation to issues of social concern and justice. Each year, approximately 1,000 undergraduate students enroll in over 25 Center-facilitated courses built on community engagement. Students are placed at sites in the local community, across the United States, and internationally. To enhance such efforts across the University, the Center offers course-development grants, research awards, and consultation to faculty and graduate students in each College.

The Center conducts research on the impact of such initiatives on students' personal, ethical, and professional development.\* It is also interested in investigating the impact of such educational efforts in communities that receive Notre Dame students. The Center is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to further this research agenda in higher education.

\*<http://socialconcerns.nd.edu/faculty/research/research.shtml>

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## RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. To strengthen the Center's capacity to fulfill its research agenda.
2. To make use of existing Center data and collect new data assessing the impact of its community-based learning efforts on students and/or in the local community. The fellow's research will result in the publication of scholarly manuscripts and research articles.
3. To offer one course each year that is consistent with the Center's mission and builds on the Fellow's area of expertise; for example, a course that helps students learn how to use research skills to assist a community organization, or one that examines the role of higher education in social change.
4. To assist the Center with the development and writing of reports and the creation of instruments for the assessment of programs and student learning. The Center is developing university-wide assessment tools for undergraduate research and community-based research, to which the Fellow may contribute.

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## REQUIREMENTS

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1. Strong research skills, quantitative methods preferred
2. Record of publication
3. Experience/interest in higher education, engaged pedagogies, and/or applied research
4. Ph.D. in field consistent with research and teaching at the Center (e.g., anthropology, education, psychology, sociology, statistics). Degrees from interdisciplinary programs welcome.

Salary: \$35,000/year, plus benefits

The review process will begin February 25 and continue until the position is filled. To ensure consideration, please send the following items electronically to Meredith Nelson at [cntres@nd.edu](mailto:cntres@nd.edu):

1. letter of interest describing experience, goals, and project interests
2. curriculum vitae
3. sample of work (scholarly publication or professional writing sample); you may also send a relevant course syllabus
4. current contact information for three professional references

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