

Executive Director, Consortium on Chicago School Research

Urban Education Institute | Chicago IL 60637 USA | Full Time - 12 Month |

Job Description

The Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago is nationally recognized for research that informs public policy while examining issues of significance to school improvement nationwide. Founded in 1990, CCSR conducts research of high technical quality that is accessible to practitioners and policymakers and used by the school reform community in Chicago and nationwide. CCSR supports the search for solutions to the problems of school reform, without arguing for particular programs or practices. Rather, it helps build capacity for school reform by identifying what matters for student success and school improvement, creating critical indicators to chart progress, and conducting theory-driven evaluation to identify how programs and policies are working.

As part of the Urban Education Institute (UEI), CCSR is one unit within the four-part Institute which also includes the Urban Teacher Education Program (UChicago UTEP), the University of Chicago Charter School (UChicago Charter) and UChicago Impact.

CCSR's Executive Directors have a rich history. For instance, John Q. Easton, who was Executive Director from 2002 to 2009, was recently appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the Director of the Institute for Education Sciences in the Department of Education. He succeeded Anthony S. Bryk, CCSR's Founding Director, who currently serves as president of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The Executive Director serves as the Consortium's primary ambassador at both the local and national levels and is central to building relationships locally with Chicago Public Schools, funders, foundations, national organizations, and the university. The Executive Director manages the organization's day-to-day operations, finances and human resources while ensuring compliance with applicable granting organizations, CPS, state and federal requirements.

The Executive Director works with the CCSR Steering Committee and Directors to develop and implement CCSR's research agenda. The Executive Director also is responsible for identifying funding sources, cultivating relationships with foundations and funders, and developing grant proposals to support the research and public informing agenda. In addition, the Executive Director serves as the principal investigator on selected CCSR's research studies.

CCSR's Executive Director reports to the Director of The Urban Education Institute (UEI), who has operational responsibility for CCSR. The Executive Director serves as a member of the UEI Senior Management Team and, upon appointment, will be nominated to serve as a member of the University's Committee on Education.

Applicants must have: Ph.D. or Ed.D. in a social science discipline or education; at least five years leadership experience managing staff in an education research and evaluation setting; proficiency with quantitative and qualitative analysis in applied educational research and evaluation, as demonstrated by publications and public presentations. Ability to develop and sustain strong relationships with Chicago Public Schools (district, school leaders, practitioners) is preferred.

Position Responsibilities

Leadership and Management:

Provide leadership to ensure CCSR continues to be an innovative leader in school research

Build strong relationships with CPS, foundations, governmental agencies and the University

Collaborate with CCSR's Steering Committee and Directors to establish research agenda

Identify funding opportunities and develop grant proposals

Manage day-to-day operations, finances, strategic planning, and grant reporting

Serve as a member of the Urban Education Institute's Senior Management Team

Consult with the Director of the Urban Education Institute in making CCSR senior staff appointments, approving the annual budget, and building synergies with other UEI units

Research:

Maintain high quality standard for all studies conducted across CCSR

Develop and design research studies and serve as principal investigator on selected studies

Disseminate findings through reports, presentations, and scholarly publications

Maintain continuing agreements with CPS regarding data requests and data sharing

Oversee CCSR's data archive to ensure quality and timeliness

Outreach:

Formulate CCSR's communications and public informing strategy

Serve as key liaison with Chief Executive Officer and other senior staff at the Chicago Public Schools

Act as primary spokesperson for CCSR on local and national levels

Represent CCSR in public forums and on advisory panels

This position offers a highly competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with qualifications and experience. We welcome applications from established scholars, senior researchers and policy experts, and exemplary practitioners.

For additional information about the Consortium on Chicago School Research visit the "Research and Publications" section of our website to review research reports and learn more about the CCSR model as detailed in the recent report, *The Consortium on Chicago School Research: A New Model for the Role of Research in Supporting Urban School Reform*; Roderick, Easton, and Sebring; February 2009. For more information about the Urban Education Institute at the University of Chicago, visit uei.uchicago.edu.

To apply for this position, please visit academiccareers.uchicago.edu, create a profile, and apply for posting number 01471, or go to <http://tinyurl.com/8z4xoxf>, and provide a CV, cover letter, contact information for 3 references, and a sample of published work. Review of applications will begin on November 6th, 2012 and continue until the position is filled.

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