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**Education Research Alliance of New Orleans**

*Associate Director and Post-Doctoral Fellow Positions*

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**Associate Director**

Deadline Date: 11/1/2013

The recently formed Education Research Alliance of New Orleans seeks an Associate Director. Based at Tulane University, the research alliance’s purpose is to study the effects of the unprecedented school reforms in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, in which essentially all public schools became charter schools, parents could apply to any public school in the city, and schools are subject to aggressive test-based accountability. These reforms are being closely watched nationally, especially as we near Hurricane’s 10th Anniversary and as other cities begin to follow New Orleans’ lead.

To carry out the alliance’s ambitious agenda, we have assembled an extremely rich database of school-related information from both pre- and post-Katrina, including student-level administrative data on achievement linked to students’ teachers, detailed expenditures and revenues by school, surveys of local residents and parents, interviews with leaders of teacher preparation programs, and more.

The Associate Director will direct day-to-day operations of the center; carry out, present, and publish original research; build and manage relationships with key partners; and grow and oversee research by the center’s network of researchers based within the university and across the country. The Associate Director will also help develop the strategic direction of the center; lead a small but growing staff; manage project budgets and finances; write grant proposals; and plan and direct the public release of reports, meetings with outside partners, and occasional conferences.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Experience carrying out longitudinal quantitative data analysis related to education

2. Master’s degree in economics, public policy, statistics, sociology, education research, or related fields (Ph.D. preferred)

3. Knowledge of STATA

The Associate Director will report to the Director, Douglas Harris, who is also Associate Professor of Economics and holds the University Endowed Chair in Public Education at Tulane University. To apply, please email CV, letter of interest, and 2-4 letters of recommendation to Alica Gerry (agerry@tulane.edu).

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**Postdoctoral Fellow/Scholar**

Deadline Date: 11/1/2013

The Tulane University economics faculty and Education Research Alliance of New Orleans seek a Post-Doctoral Fellow to carry out and publish original research related to two ongoing projects: (1) randomized trials of financial aid and other college access programs; and (2) the New Orleans school reforms after Hurricane Katrina, involving the rapid expansion of charter schools and parental choice. Each project already has ready-access to extensive student-level datasets linked to surveys and other data sources. One-third of the Fellow’s time will involve assisting with one or both of these projects; another one-third will focus on the Fellow’s own studies involving these topics and data; and the remaining third is available for any other research the Fellow wishes. Funding will be made available for advanced training courses and conference travel. Teaching is not required.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

1. PhD in economics, public policy, sociology, education, or related field

2. Demonstrated interest in one or both research topics

3. Expertise in STATA

The Fellow reports to Associate Professor of Economics and University Endowed Chair in Public Education, Dr. Douglas N. Harris, who serves as the Director of the research alliance. To apply, please email CV, letter of interest, and 2-4 letters of recommendation to Alica Gerry (agerry@tulane.edu).