MSW Faculty Positions

Erikson Institute, one of the nation’s leading independent graduate schools in child development, provides a unique context for a developmentally informed Master of Social Work (MSW) program. The MSW program has three positions available for full-time faculty, open track (Tenure or Clinical) and open rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor).

The MSW Program

Founded in 1966 with a strong commitment to social justice, Erikson Institute seeks to improve the lives of young children, youth, and families through graduate and continuing education in child development, social work, and early childhood education, as well as through community programs and policy research. The Institute is well positioned within the heart of Chicago, which continues to be a global city with remarkable cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity.

The social work curriculum is grounded in a developmental perspective, emphasizing core knowledge in the ecologies of development, social justice, and cultural diversity. Teaching is a critical component for delivering this knowledge and is highly regarded amongst the students and faculty. Further, the MSW program is one of the few social work programs that dedicates time weekly to 2.5-hour field seminars. These seminars emphasize self-knowledge, critical thinking, and reflective practice to engage in effective relationships with children, families, communities, and systems. Erikson Institute is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) as well as the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Position Description

Both positions are 10-month, full-time appointments, starting August 2021. Teaching assignments and related responsibilities may include day, evening, as well as asynchronous and synchronous online courses. All tenure-track faculty are expected to demonstrate a commitment to teaching excellence, a research and publication agenda, and other professional activities designed to enrich student learning and service to the community and profession. Participation in curriculum development, student advisement, and service to the MSW program and Institute is required.

Qualifications

Minimum Education - Master degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited institution with at least two years practice experience post MSW (5 or more years of practice experience preferred). A doctorate in social work or a related field is also required.

Preferred Qualifications - We would like to hire both a candidate with micro and macro practice experience and scholarship agendas. However, both candidates should integrate a micro/macro
connection into their work as well as a focus on child and family well-being. Our program has development, reflection, and a relationship-based approach at the cornerstone of its curriculum, and we are looking for candidates that will support and expand this perspective. They will demonstrate strong teaching skills through positive course evaluations. Ideal tenure-track candidates will have a proven track record of obtaining research funding and be productive in disseminating scholarly work through publications and presentations. Experience with online teaching and project-based learning is also preferred.

Applications are being accepted immediately. The search will continue until the positions are filled. Application materials should include: a) cover letter which explains professional education, experience, and qualifications for the position; b) a full curriculum vitae; and c) names, addresses (including titles and institutions), email addresses, and telephone numbers of three references who may be contacted. All applications must be submitted as 1 PDF file to Dr. Cassandra McKay-Jackson, co-chair of the faculty search committee, at csimons@erikson.edu.

About Erikson Institute

Erikson Institute’s graduate school uniquely prepares child development, education, and social work leaders to improve the lives of young children and their families. Our impact and influence are further amplified through our innovative academic programs, applied research, direct services in the community, and advocacy and policy and leadership.

Erikson Institute is an equal opportunity employer. We consider all applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, veteran status, or any other classes protected by federal, state, or local laws. In addition, Erikson Institute provides reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and applicable state and local laws (including during the application or hiring process).

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