



SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST Fertility and Family Structure

Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children at all stages of development. Our mission is to improve outcomes for children by providing research, data, and analysis to the people and institutions whose decisions and actions affect children.

General Description

Child Trends is seeking applications for a Senior Research Scientist with research expertise in one of the following areas: non-marital childbearing, cohabitation, and union formation; correlates and consequences of family structure transitions; or research on the transition to fatherhood and male fertility trajectories. This researcher would be hired to complement current research projects that focus on adolescent and young adult relationships, sexual activity, and contraceptive use; unintended pregnancy and childbearing; and male fertility behaviors. These projects use data from the National Survey of Family Growth, the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 cohort, and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (Kindergarten cohort and Birth cohort). In addition, the Senior Research Scientist will develop new research proposals with the assistance of the Program Area Director.

Typical Duties and Responsibilities

1. Develops research topics, proposals, budgets, and research designs that will fund a research team.
2. Serves as project manager/principal investigator for one or more projects and manages multiple projects and budgets for the area.
3. Supervises quantitative and/or qualitative data analysis by other PhD-level and junior staff.
4. Selects appropriate statistical techniques to analyze collected data.
5. Discusses implications of research findings from policy and program perspectives.
6. Writes final reports and presents results to government and foundation funders. Prepares papers for presentation, publication, and testimony.
7. Works closely with Child Trends' communications and policy staff to disseminate research findings to the policy and programmatic communities, the media, and other researchers.

Qualifications

Applicants should have established expertise in a specific area of research (such as non-marital childbearing, cohabitation, family structure, fatherhood, or other relevant area) and a history of proposal writing and fundraising. The position requires PhD-level knowledge and at least five years of post-doctoral job experience. Applicants with Master's degrees or other relevant degrees will be considered, but additional experience will be expected.

How to Apply

Upload your resume with a cover letter, salary requirements, writing sample, and list of three professional references at <http://resumes.childtrends.org>, referencing "Senior Research Scientist" in the cover letter. Alternatively, email your application to hr@childtrends.org with "Senior Research Scientist" in the subject line or fax (202/362-8420) or mail the material to: HR Manager, Child Trends, 4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20008. **NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE!**

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