

University of Virginia
Curry School of Education
Post-Doctoral Position Announcement

The University of Virginia's Curry School of Education is seeking applications for a post-doc position to work on the launching and running of a study of the *Young Women Leaders Program*, a mentoring program which pairs middle school girls with college women mentors (<http://ywlp.virginia.edu/>). The study is funded by the William T. Grant Foundation and focuses on the potential of combined group and one-on-one mentoring for promoting the competencies of middle school girls. This project embeds an ethnographic study within an existing random assignment evaluation to identify and describe the social processes that occur within mentoring groups. One aim of this project is to develop a new measurement tool for youth settings. The project is affiliated with the University of Virginia's Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL). The selected individual will play a major role in coordinating and managing research activities, developing protocols, conducting observations/interviews, conducting data analyses, presenting findings, and writing up work for publication. In addition, the selected individual will assist in the development of a new observational tool for youth settings, including development from data, piloting, and testing reliability and validity. This position also includes coordinating and conducting exploratory, mixed methods analyses to examine processes identified in the qualitative study in relation to outcomes measured by the quantitative evaluation.

A Ph.D. in Psychology, Education, or a related field, demonstrated proficiency in project management, qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis skills, excellent communication skills, and a track record of presenting and publishing research are required. Substantive knowledge and a background in adolescent/youth development, youth programs, the development/use of observational tools, mixed methods research, and longitudinal/multi-level data analysis is a plus. Commitment to issues of diversity and experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds is preferred.

Anticipated start date for the position is summer 2008. To apply, send a cover letter citing the qualifications above, curriculum vitae, and name and contact information for three professional references to: Nancy L. Deutsch, Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, P.O. Box 400277, Charlottesville, VA 22904. For more information about the position, contact Nancy L. Deutsch at nancyd@virginia.edu or 434-924-0815. For more information about the Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL), see <http://www.virginia.edu/vprgs/CASTL/index.php>.

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