About the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

The USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work is recognized as one of the most innovative in the nation. Our research and teaching environment is vibrant, interdisciplinary, and highly supported. We provide educational leadership in the areas of behavioral health; child and family systems; aging; organizations and policy transformation; social work in non-profit, governmental and private sector contexts; housing insecurity; serious mental illness; and military health. Our transformative approach to virtual instruction is recognized as groundbreaking. Our commitment to advancing the science of social work has generated a new dialogue throughout the profession. We are also home to the USC School of Social Work Department of Nursing. To learn more about our Departments and School, please visit our website at: http://sowkweb.usc.edu.

The University of Southern California Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program is designed to prepare scholar-practitioners to harness innovative solutions to solve real-world problems. Our goal is to train social workers to be active change agents and leaders in the greater public discourse as they explore ways to create a stronger, fairer society and ensure basic human rights for people everywhere.

The program brings together students from a range of professional backgrounds to take on solutions to the 12 Grand Challenges, an initiative led by the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. Each challenge is tied to issues — social justice, family and child welfare and concerns for our social fabric — that drive social workers every day. Students meet these challenges head on with coursework, residencies and a capstone dedicated to developing viable projects that contribute solutions to one of the challenges. Students will formulate a plan and budget and pitch their big ideas to a panel of experts comprising thought leaders, faculty and venture capitalists.

Unlike a PhD in social work, which prepares scholars for careers in research and the professoriate, the DSW@USC is an online advanced practice degree program for working professionals who want to have a greater impact in their practice. Graduates of this doctoral program will be positioned to participate in and lead conversations at the highest levels about sweeping topics such as gun violence, foster care and homelessness. Topics explored in the curriculum include: Organizational Leadership, Leading Public Discourse, Innovation and Change, Technological Fluency and Data-Driven Decision Making.

Qualifications Sought

Part-time faculty with a master’s degree, PhD, DSW or doctorate in social work or allied field with expertise in the particular areas of program and community impact reflected in the Grand Challenges and/or significant experience leading large social service organizations is preferred.

Candidates are needed to have knowledge of community and academic resources to support and/or mentor students through their Capstone courses and projects.

Leadership in dissemination of ideas and educational expertise to the profession, community constituents, and other stakeholders is also an expectation. Effective communication skills and experience as an innovative leader or manager, together with support for the School’s strong orientation to the science of social work.
Applicants with exceptional credentials in a variety of expertise will be considered. We are particularly interested in faculty with expertise in two primary content areas: Advanced Management Practice in Complex Systems and Innovation and Leadership. Topics explored in the curriculum include: Organizational Leadership, Data-Driven Decision Making, Innovation and Change, Leading Public Discourse, Technological Fluency. In keeping with our focus on diversity and global issues, we seek faculty who have strong profiles working with Latino, Asian-Pacific Islander, and/or African-American populations.

Responsibilities
Part-time faculty are expected to advise DSW students for each semester as they work on their Capstone projects. Part-time faculty have the opportunity to hold responsible leadership roles within the Department, School, University, and nationally.

Appointment
Initial appointments are made for one semester. Part-time faculty are appointed at multiple ranks based on experience with opportunities for promotion and other forms of School and University recognition.

Locations
Available position(s) are in our Virtual Program.

Application Procedure
Please submit: (1) a letter of application outlining experience in leadership, management, innovation, classroom instruction, curriculum development, student advisement; (2) evidence of teaching performance, if applicable; (3) a curriculum vitae; and (4) contact information for three academic or professional references.

Only online applications are accepted and must be submitted at: https://jobs.usc.edu/postings/78377

Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

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