

# POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Department of Educational Psychology. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) is dedicated to making a commitment to reduce bullying in society. We are seeking applicants with a completed doctorate in school or counseling psychology, developmental psychology, cognitive psychology, human development, or a closely related field for a tenure-track advanced assistant to advanced associate professor position in the Department of Educational Psychology. Expertise is required in bullying prevention and intervention and may include a focus on school or family contexts, children's mental health, neuroscience, social policy and/or translational research.

For the past decade the College of Education and Human Sciences has supported the Bullying Research Network (BRNET), an international network of bullying prevention and intervention researchers. Building upon the success of BRNET, the college has developed the Empowerment Initiative that conducts translational research on bullying prevention and intervention. This position is integrally aligned with the Empowerment Initiative and will be part of a cluster hire of bullying-related researchers. We are seeking a scholar to contribute to our translational research foci on youth empowerment, youth engagement, and bullying prevention across homes, schools, and communities.

Specific areas of strength may include (a) development and evaluation of innovative prevention or intervention strategies that address bullying and associated health and/or mental health issues in children, youth and families; (b) investigation of related processes and approaches as they apply to bullying behaviors among youth and adults; or (c) school and policy issues that are related to youth resilience and empowerment. Strengths in applied intervention research methods and statistical approaches including a strong analytical background in longitudinal (e.g., hierarchical linear modeling, missing data procedures and/or mixed methods approaches), epidemiological, single case experimental, or mixed methods designs will be beneficial.

Minimum qualifications include: (a) earned doctorate in school or counseling psychology, developmental psychology, cognitive psychology, human development, or a closely related field; (b) demonstrated record of funded research activities; and (c) record of research productivity in area(s) of strength listed above. Applicants must demonstrate an ability to integrate their research with the missions of the Department, College, and University, and collaborate with other researchers focused on youth empowerment and bullying prevention and intervention.

Preferred qualifications include: (a) demonstrated expertise related to prevention and intervention associated with bullying prevention and intervention, the translation of efficacious interventions to applied settings (e.g., schools, homes, detention facilities, hospitals, higher education), and an appreciation for ecological influences on the development of individual differences; and (b) clear evidence of research productivity and funding, including a relevant publication record, success in garnering grant support, and expertise in statistics and research methods.

Responsibilities: (a) lead an active line of research in an area consistent with the research strengths listed above; (b) participate actively on interdisciplinary research teams who conduct research related to children, youth, families and schools; (c) write grants and secure funding for research; (d) contribute regularly to the scholarly literature through the publication of refereed journal articles, books, book chapters, and related products; and (e) engage in effective instruction, student research advisement and mentoring.

The University of Nebraska – Lincoln is home to many nationally recognized Centers and Institutes. For example, the Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (CYFS; <http://www.cyfs.unl.edu>) is a highly collegial, interdisciplinary program of excellence that promotes and supports a vibrant grant and research culture in the College of Education and Human Sciences and across the University of Nebraska system. CYFS houses several research-intensive entities including the Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics, and Psychometrics (MAP) and the Empowerment Initiative. The newly-formed Empowerment Initiative is an extension of the Bullying Research Network (<http://brnet.unl.edu>) and supports research on bullying prevention and intervention. CEHS is closely affiliated with the Buffett Early Childhood Institute (BECI) and the Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior (CB3), with many opportunities for research collaboration and partnership across the NU system.

Review of applications will begin no earlier than September 1, 2015 and will continue until a suitable candidate is hired or the search is closed.

To be considered for this position, please go to <http://employment.unl.edu>, requisition F\_150074, click on "Apply to this job" complete the application form and attach the following documents; 1) cover letter of application, 2) current vitae, 3) statement of research program with up to three PDF reprints of published papers and 4) contact information for three references. Candidates will be notified before references are contacted.

Candidates wishing additional information are encouraged to contact Dr. Susan Swearer (Co-Director, Bullying Research Network) by phone (402-472-1741) or email ([sswearer@unl.edu](mailto:sswearer@unl.edu)) or Dr. Susan Sheridan (Director, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families, and Schools) by phone (402-472-6941) or email ([ssheridan2@unl.edu](mailto:ssheridan2@unl.edu)).

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# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA—LINCOLN

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is located in an up-and-coming and safe city of 250,000 people that has many of the cultural and entertainment benefits of a much larger city, with the feel of a friendly Midwestern community.

## **New Arena in 2013**

Lincoln voted for bigger concerts and events, and now the Pinnacle Bank Arena is here. Around it, the Historic Haymarket has expanded from being a hotspot to buzzing entertainment district. Lincoln residents enjoy more restaurants, more options in downtown nightlife and more ways to enjoy time with friends. What remains the same is the short walk downtown from UNL's City Campus.

## **20-Minute Average Commute**

Lincoln has one of the shortest commute times among mid-sized U.S. cities and 130 miles of biking, running and commuting trails. Since 1971, Lincoln has had a city-owned public transit operation now called the StarTran bus service.

## **Beautiful Parks**

Many people are surprised to learn that Lincoln has more parkland per capita than Austin, Texas; Portland, Ore.; and all but a handful of U.S. cities.

## **Industry**

With a population of more than 250,000, Lincoln is the third largest city in the Big Ten Conference. UNL is one of its largest employers, followed by state government, local medical centers and hospitals, and Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing. Major industries are service/trade, manufacturing, printing/publishing, insurance and pharmaceuticals, in addition to the state's largest industries of livestock and crop production.

## **Lincoln has earned accolades including:**

- #1 U.S. City, Quality of Life  
(The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, 2012)
- "Best Small Places for Business and Careers"  
(Forbes.com)
- #7 best downtown (Livability.com 2012)
- Top 20 – America's Thriving Cities  
(The Daily Beast, 2013)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Safest American City (Forbes, 2011)

## **Low Cost of Living**

Lincoln's cost of living is consistently below the national average, with one of the nation's lowest health care costs, utility bills and insurance rates. Lincoln's low crime rate, efficient transportation, stable business environment and advanced health care technology are a few reasons why Lincoln ranks high in livability studies and rankings.

## **Strong Public Schools**

Lincoln Public Schools are renowned for their long-standing legacy of educational excellence, serving more than 34,000 students at 62 elementary, middle and high schools, one offering the International Baccalaureate. There are also a number of parochial and private school options in the Lincoln area, including one school offering an elementary/junior high Montessori program.

## **Arts and Culture**

The city and the UNL campus are home to many historical sites and museums. UNL's State Museum, Sheldon Museum of Art, the Lied Center for Performing Arts, a planetarium and observatory, the International Quilt Study Center and Museum, Great Plains Art Gallery, Hillestad Textiles Gallery and other sites offer art and natural history and cultural activities to view and enjoy.

## **Family Attractions**

The Lincoln Children's Museum and the Lincoln Children's Zoo are two of the many options for family fun.

## **Sports**

Sports enthusiasts including thousands of Husker fans enjoy football Saturdays at Memorial Stadium, volleyball at the Devaney Center, basketball at the Pinnacle Bank Arena and baseball at Hawks Field at Haymarket Park.

## **Weather**

Lincoln and Nebraska enjoy four beautiful seasons of weather change. Average highs are 32 degrees in January and 90 degrees F in July. Average annual rainfall is 28.26 inches.

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