
COMMUNITY-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIP

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
School of Government
Community Campus Partnership**

Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Position Description

Program Overview:

The Community Campus Partnership (CCP) program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) is a campus-wide initiative to forge long-term partnerships with economically distressed communities in North Carolina. Economically distressed communities face complex challenges involving public health, education, economic development, the environment, and other issues. CCP facilitates and coordinates partnerships between multi-disciplinary teams of UNC faculty, staff and students and community-based organizations, to respond to community needs and build capacity to implement change. CCP is modeled on the principles of engaged scholarship.

The two-year pilot phase of CCP began earlier this year and focuses on two counties in North Carolina. CCP assists those communities in a number of ways, including:

- helping local leaders to identify specific challenges and prioritize their needs
- providing local organizations with expertise on relevant issues such as economic development, education, public health, finance, marketing, land use, or any other discipline
- aligning the efforts of UNC faculty, students, and staff with state and regional partners also working in the community
- identifying funding sources for community-based projects
- assessing and evaluating “what works” and translating lessons into local and state policy

In addition to connecting community needs to university resources, CCP will develop a campus-wide engaged research agenda focused on the most challenging problems facing communities in North Carolina.

Position Summary:

The CCP Post-Doctoral Fellowship is a two-year, full-time position based at the UNC School of Government (SOG). The fellow will be affiliated with the SOG and have access to the SOG’s resources. The mission of the SOG is to improve the lives of North Carolinians by engaging in practical scholarship that helps public officials and others understand and improve state and local government. While the fellow’s primary affiliation will be with the SOG, the fellow will work closely with faculty



members, students and staff from other UNC schools and departments with interests and expertise relevant to community-defined priorities.

The CCP Fellow, who will report directly to the CCP Director, will be the principal investigator on the research design and implementation of an evaluation plan to assess the impacts of the CCP pilot project. The fellow will work with the Director, local community-based organizations and leading scholars from UNC to develop a multi-disciplinary range of engaged research and service-learning projects that are consistent with community priorities. There is an expectation for primary and co-authorship of original research. There will be opportunities to present research from this experience to academic, practitioner and community audiences.

Key responsibilities for the CCP Fellowship include:

- Design and implement program evaluation plan to assess the impact of the CCP pilot project
- Collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative community-level outcome data for the CCP project
- Plan, attend, and conduct meetings with university and CCP community partners to develop engaged research projects
- Write and disseminate research findings from the CCP project
- Oversee administrative responsibilities associated with the research-based components of CCP, including the adherence to Institutional Review Board policies
- Coordinate graduate and undergraduate interns working in CCP partner communities

Knowledge, skills, and abilities:

The successful applicant should have excellent methodological and analytic capabilities. Requires the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; the ability to work independently; the ability to conduct research; and the ability to solve problems, prioritize, and meet deadlines. Successful candidates will have interest in the scholarship of engagement and training/experience in multi-level program evaluation. The fellow may also have a substantive interest in community economic development, education, public health, public policy, planning, sociology, etc.

Minimum training and experience:

Ph.D. in public administration, planning, public policy, public health, education, social work, sociology, applied economics, community psychology, or equivalent is preferred. Applicant should have training and/or experience in program evaluation.

Approximate Salary Range:

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should provide a CV, cover letter, and 3 names of professional contacts to serve as references by July 31, 2009. Please submit application materials by email or hard copy to:

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