The University of Michigan School of Social Work

Open-Rank Faculty Position in Community Engagement and Research

The School of Social Work at the University of Michigan announces a faculty position to begin in Fall, 2021, in community engagement and research. Community practice is a major area of study and practice for the social work profession and a topic of considerable interest to many Michigan students. Engaged scholarship that focuses on the voice of clients, community-based participatory research, financial equity and community development are areas in which social work can make a deep impact on urban research. We are particularly interested in applicants whose work addresses any of the following priorities:

- a focus on antiracism and racial/ethnic economic disparities
- collaborative inquiry with community partners
- focus on state and municipal policies
- a record of work in an urban setting with large minority population
- use of community based participatory research, mixed methods or qualitative methodologies

This is an open-rank, tenure-track faculty position for candidates whose research focuses on community-engaged research. For the associate and full professor ranks, requirements include demonstrated achievement in teaching at the MSW and doctoral levels. Successful candidates will have an ambitious research agenda with a history of securing grant funding and a record of publication, preferably in peer-reviewed journals, focused on one of the areas listed above. For the assistant professor rank, evidence of a strong scholarly trajectory is required. Teaching experience at the MSW level is desirable. Successful candidates will have a defined research agenda and some experience with proposal development and publication focused on one of the areas listed above. The MSW degree is preferred; a Ph.D. in social work or a related field is required. Applicants with deep substantive expertise in human services, community assessment and engagement and the voice of client communities in research are preferred. A faculty affiliation with the Center on Equitable Family and Community Wellbeing is a feature of this position.

The School of Social Work is committed to a University-wide initiative that aims to enhance antiracism, diversity, equity, and create an inclusive climate. We seek a diverse pool of outstanding applicants who will contribute to the School’s antiracism, diversity, equity and inclusion agenda. Faculty members of the University of Michigan School of Social Work strive to be leaders in scholarship, education, and service for socially just communities in Michigan, the United States, and across the world. We respond to social challenges in this highly politicized and technologized world by supporting scholarly and academic excellence, equity in education, health and social services, and opportunities for the growth and development of individuals, families, communities, and society. Michigan faculty members draw on scientific and critical theories that support a fuller understanding of social challenges and then work to develop translational solutions to these challenges. We seek new faculty members whose interests and commitments fit this philosophy of the School. For more information about the University’s diversity initiative please visit: [http://ssw.umich.edu/about/ssw-advantage/diversity](http://ssw.umich.edu/about/ssw-advantage/diversity).

Interested candidates should visit the online application to submit their cover letter, including the names of three references, a copy of their CV and three writing examples. Writing examples may
include published works, media works, syllabi or detailed schedules for courses and workshops, case examples, and opinion pieces. Scholarly articles are preferred for tenure-track faculty positions. Letters of recommendation may be requested at a later date.

Review of applications will begin immediately and be considered on a rolling basis. All applications must be received by January 15, 2021.

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