Dear Colleagues:

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Joint Research Task Force on EPAS invites applications for a CSWE Scholar position. The Joint Research Task Force is comprised of members of the Commission on Research, Commission on Educational Policy, and Commission on Accreditation. The Task Force is seeking a passionate and qualified individual to help advance its goal to advance the science of social work accreditation by working to increase the evidence base and better articulate the theoretical base of educational policies and accreditation standards for baccalaureate and master's social work programs.

Overview

The CSWE Scholar position is open to outstanding faculty and doctoral students whose teaching and research focus on social work education, accreditation, and/or field education, and who have knowledge of, and scholarly interest in the CSWE Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS). The Scholar will work with the Joint Task Force to help answer the following research questions:

1. To what extent are the competencies reflective of the demands/expectations of beginning social work practice?

2. What is the rationale for and what data do we need to justify, revise, or eliminate specific requirements within the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards?

3. What are the best practices or models in field education/internship experience across disciplines and their connection to our standards?

4. What is the value and knowledge base underlying our diversity standards and what do we know about its impact on social work education?

5. In what ways have programs restructured curriculum (away from the traditional courses) to respond to the competencies? What are barriers and challenges to change? What have been some successful innovative curriculum models to respond to 2008/2015 EPAS?

It is expected that the Scholar will work collaboratively with the Joint Research Task Force members and staff in the development of a research plan, in order to build on existing work and resources.

Eligibility

Social work faculty and doctoral students* with a strong background and interest in social work education research are encouraged to apply. Additional qualifications include:

- Knowledge of CSWE EPAS and/or accreditation
- Experience with a variety of research methods (literature review, surveys, focus groups, etc.)
- Ability to work collaboratively with stakeholders
The Scholar term will start January 2017 and last for six months. The Scholar will receive an award of $5,000. There may be a possibility of a second term.

If interested in the position, please submit a cover letter outlining your experience and a CV to Jessica Holmes (jholmes@cswe.org) by **January 9, 2017**.

The selected applicant will be asked to supply a letter of support from his or her dean or program director to ensure both the Scholar and university are aware of the time commitment and are dedicated to the project's success.

*Doctoral students must be in their 3rd or 4th year of their program in order to apply.*