DIRECTOR | INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH AND DATA INNOVATION

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation (ISRDI) is an interdisciplinary research institute at the University of Minnesota that provides the infrastructure and services to support the work of its four centers: IPUMS, the Minnesota Population Center, the Life Course Center, and the Minnesota Research Data Center. The work of the Institute and its centers advances our knowledge of societies and populations across time and space, including economic and demographic behavior, health, well-being, and human-environment interactions.

The ISRDI Director leads the Institute in concert with the associate director and the directors of IPUMS, the Minnesota Population Center, the Life Course Center, the Minnesota Research Data Center, and the ISRDI Steering Committee. The ISRDI Director reports to the Vice President for Research.

Through their leadership and oversight, the ISRDI Director is responsible for nurturing an intellectual and operational environment that allows individual centers to thrive, while working together collaboratively. Responsibilities include:

- Leading strategic initiatives to support long-run sustainability and success of ISRDI and its centers.
- Supervising and supporting the center directors and the associate director, and serving as chair of the ISRDI Steering Committee.
- Building and maintaining relationships across the University, representing ISRDI and its constituent centers with departments, centers and collegiate leaders at UMN.
- Meeting regularly with the Vice President for Research.
- Developing the ISRDI workplan and delivering annual reports on progress toward the workplan goals to the Vice President for Research.
- Overseeing the non-sponsored budget in collaboration with the ISRDI Steering Committee.
- Serving as the ISRDI hiring authority.
Term

- The ISRDI Director’s term of service is ordinarily five years, with possible extension
- Position available in January 2023, and start date could be as late as July 1, 2023.

Compensation

- Compensation is a minimum of one month of salary support

QUALIFICATIONS

Required

- Senior faculty member or senior research scientist at the University of Minnesota
- Active research portfolio that fits within the broad ISRDI mission: To advance knowledge of human populations and institutions across time and space with a focus on health, well-being, economic and demographic behavior, and human-environment interactions
- Demonstrated success in applying for and receiving grants as Principal Investigator from major granting agencies
- Actively engaged in the Institute, either as a member of the MPC or LCC, participation in an IPUMS data infrastructure grant, or use of the Minnesota Research Data Center
- Experience in a leadership position at the University of Minnesota or prior employment location
- Demonstrated collaboration with other entities in University administration, including but not limited to departments, colleges, centers, administrative units (e.g., Office of the Vice President for Research, Office of the Provost)
- Demonstrated history of valuing and supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Demonstrated commitment to training and mentoring students and/or junior colleagues.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nominees submit an NIH biosketch, a brief statement of interest that explains their background with ISRDI, and a brief statement of vision (1-3 pages) about what they'd like to do in the role. **Please submit materials to Ann Meier (meierann@umn.edu) and David Van Riper (vanriper@umn.edu) by Friday, September 9, 2022.** Applications will be considered by a review committee. The finalist will be nominated by the ISRDI Steering Committee and ultimately approved by the Vice President for Research.

Search Committee

Ann Meier, Professor, Sociology, Co-chair
David Van Riper, Director of Spatial Analysis, ISRDI, Co-chair
Carrie Henning-Smith, Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management
Kimberly Horner, Graduate Student, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs
Alex Lunde, HR & Operations Manager, ISRDI
Susan Marshall Mason, Associate Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

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