

EdD Program Research Assistant Positions

The Educational Leadership doctoral program at WKU has received a grant to evaluate the Green River Regional Education Cooperative's (GRREC) Race to the Top-District (RTT-D) program, kid·FRIENDLy (Kids Focused, Responsible, Imaginative, Engaged, and Determined to Learn) Learning, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. The Rock Solid Evaluation team is seeking **multiple research assistants** to carry out three types of evaluation: a *formative* review related both to the intended outcomes and the implementation itself, a *summative* evaluation of the outcomes, and a separate *implementation* evaluation to determine the level of fidelity needed to achieve noted gains.

Essential duties and responsibilities

- Assist with planning and implementing evaluation activities
- Develop data collection instruments, such as surveys, classroom observation protocols, and other tools to collect timely data
- Coordinate with districts and schools and make site visits to collect data
- Manage and analyze evaluation data using computer packages
- Conduct literature reviews and assist with evaluation reports

Two broad types of skill sets are needed: (a) experience/familiarity with P-12 school settings, (b) knowledge/experience in data management and statistical analysis. All graduate assistants will gain experience and expertise in both areas under the guidance of the Rock Solid evaluation team.

Applicants should possess some or all of the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of educational systems in the US. A previous background in P-12 school settings is desired.
- Ability to travel to school sites in GRREC and/or OVEC
- Strong research skills, including familiarity with Excel, SPSS, and/or other statistical software; and/or with qualitative data analysis software
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as a team member
- Responsible, reliable, and detail-oriented

Position details

- 20 hours per week during fall, spring, and summer semesters
- 12-month Graduate Assistant salaries
- EdD program tuition & doctoral fee waivers
- Positions to begin in Fall 2013, with possible multi-year renewals

To be considered, interested applicants must submit **a cover letter stating qualifications and current curriculum vita** to doctoral.studies@wku.edu by Monday, June 17, 2013.