

Gamble-Skogmo Land Grant Chair in Child Welfare and Youth Policy

The School of Social Work (SSW) at the University of Minnesota invites applicants at the full or associate professor level for the Gamble-Skogmo Chair in Child Welfare and Youth Policy commencing August 2010. The mission of the Chair is to serve the children and families of Minnesota by conducting nationally significant research that is responsive to their needs, understanding community needs, providing technical assistance and consultation locally and nationally, and educating and training students, service providers, administrators, and policy makers. It is important that the Gamble-Skogmo Chair be willing to work collaboratively with the community in providing research and consultation.

The Gamble-Skogmo Chair holds a full-time appointment with tenure to the SSW. As a primary function, the Gamble-Skogmo Chair is expected to conduct meaningful, engaged research in the fields of child welfare and/or youth policy, to seek funding for this research, and to publish extensively. Within the School of Social Work, the Gamble-Skogmo Chair works closely with the existing Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW) and with other SSW faculty on projects, policy and curriculum concerning child welfare/youth policy. The Chair is also a member of the Graduate Faculty, and teaches and advises within the SSW. As is expected of all senior faculty members in the SSW, the Chair will be expected to mentor junior colleagues and doctoral students in developing and carrying out their research and scholarship activities. Within the child welfare community, the Gamble-Skogmo Chair provides consultation and collaboration on programs and projects in child welfare and/or youth policy. Additional responsibilities of the Gamble-Skogmo Chair include committee assignments both inside and outside the University.

The Gamble-Skogmo Chair receives generous resources for scholarly research from the SSW. The SSW is a unit within one of the leading colleges of education in the country, the College of Education and Human Development. The University of Minnesota is a public land-grant university and is designated as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Universities-Extensive (Research 1) and a Carnegie Engaged University in both curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships. There are over 65,000 students and over 4,000 faculty members at the University of Minnesota spanning five campuses state-wide.

Essential requirements of this position include: a significant research agenda in the areas of child welfare and/or youth policy; record of funded research in the areas of child welfare and/or youth policy; record of substantial publications in the areas of child welfare and/or youth policy; PhD in social work or a related field; demonstrated teaching effectiveness with positive evaluations; experience in engaging with agencies serving children and families; experience in collaborative work with the community; experience working collaboratively with interdisciplinary departments; and a record of attention to cultural diversity in teaching and research. An MSW from an accredited school of social work is desired. The University of Minnesota shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

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Submit the following to your online application: a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, transcripts of graduate work (attach as Additional Document 1), evaluations of teaching and/or professional education or training (attach as Additional Document 2), and samples of academic writing and publication (attach as Additional Document 3). Applicants should apply before December 1, 2009 for fullest consideration. Questions regarding this online application process may be directed to: Jill Beaudette, Search Committee Assistant, (612) 624-4243, 1-800-779-8636, FAX: (612) 624-3744, or jbeaudet@umn.edu, and questions regarding the position may be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Associate Professor Liz Lightfoot, lightfo@umn.edu.