Assistant Professor in Family Economic Well-being and Financial Health in the Department of Family and Consumer Studies (FCS)

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have a Ph.D. in the social sciences or business with research and teaching emphases in family economic well-being and financial health, broadly defined. Candidates should have an excellent record of research and evidence of the potential to generate extramural research support, commensurate with their career stage.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will have expertise in topics related to family economic well-being and financial health, preferably with connections to public policy. The candidate will be expected to apply for intramural and extramural funding to support a strong research program. Examples of research topics include, but are not limited to, (1) what role can financial planning play in mitigating socioeconomic disparities? (2) how do public policies, such as the fiduciary rule, alter business behavior? (3) do minority groups use financial planning services differently from others? and (4) to what extent does financial literacy and planning impact family well-being? Teaching responsibilities may include courses in our Certified Financial Planning program and courses on family economic wellbeing.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, a list of three references, writing samples or publications, and other supporting documents at http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/79358. In your letter please include a description of how your work and other experiences contribute to the success of underrepresented students. Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Information about the Department of Family and Consumer Studies can be found at https://www.fcs.utah.edu. For inquiries about this post, please contact the search committee at FCS_Search@fcs.utah.edu.

RELATED INFORMATION: FCS is an interdisciplinary department dedicated to understanding and enhancing the wellbeing of individuals and the families and communities in which they live. We examine how the social, economic, political, and physical environments affect families, individuals, and consumers. The faculty includes scholars from sociology, demography, economics, psychology, family studies, human development, and early childhood education. The University of Utah is a PAC-12, Carnegie RU/VH Research University and Utah’s flagship university. Faculty are involved with the Consortium in Families and Health Research, which brings together faculty from 11 departments across 5 colleges, the School of Medicine, the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the University Neighborhood Partnership Center, and the Utah Population Database. The successful candidate may also benefit from the College’s junior faculty leave program, and the Vice President’s Clinical and Translational Scholars Program.

The University is located in beautiful Salt Lake City, which offers an outstanding quality of life in a major metropolitan area of 1.5 million residents, nestled in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains. Utah’s great outdoors are close by, offering activities from world class skiing, hiking, and mountain biking in the spectacular canyons surrounding the city. The city is cosmopolitan with theater, the arts, sports, entertainment and nightlife. The area has received international recognition for its light rail system, downtown, library system, and increasing diversity.

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color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, veteran status, status as a qualified person with a disability, or genetic information. Individuals from historically underrepresented groups, such as minorities, women, qualified persons with disabilities, and protected veterans are strongly encouraged to apply. Veterans’ preference is extended to applicants, consistent with University policy and Utah state law. To inquire about this posting, email: employment@utah.edu or call 801-581-2300. Reasonable accommodations in the application process will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities. To request an accommodation or for further information about University AA/EO policies, please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 201 S. Presidents Cr., Rm 135, (801) 581-8365 (V/TDD), email: oeo@umail.utah.edu.