



The University of Oklahoma

Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work

Call for Applications: Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Forensic Social Work

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The University of Oklahoma in association with the College of Arts and Sciences, the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, and The Knee Center for Strong Families invites applications to a post-doctoral fellowship in forensic social work. The successful fellow will take a leadership role in research and evaluation of multiple funded community-based projects with a special emphasis in interprofessional collaboration in the criminal justice system, including but not limited to diversion, reentry, and positive policing. The fellow will work with a multidisciplinary team of faculty mentors.

The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social work will accept applications from candidates with a proposed research agenda in the areas of: (1) applied criminal justice reform, (2) decarceration, (4) early system intervention, and (5) other associated areas. Successful candidates will demonstrate a research agenda specifically associated with the forensic social work as applied in the area of criminal justice with emphasis on gender, race, and other differential system responses. The position is open to clinical, programs, and policy level researchers and the successful candidate will be able to bridge macro-micro areas fluidly.

Two of the primary projects associated with this position are related to evaluation of the Oklahoma City Diversion Hub, and collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections on the use of Swift, Certain, and Fair sanctions for criminal justice involved women in Oklahoma. The Diversion Hub is a co-located criminal justice reform service center model and more can be learned about the concept at <https://okdiversionhub.org/>. In addition to these projects the post-doctoral fellow also will be invited to contribute to the development of a broader collaboration program of research, training, and evaluation regarding forensic social work in Oklahoma and abroad.

The fellow will be based on the OU Norman campus and will have an embedded field office in Oklahoma City as well. In addition, there will be collaborative opportunities across the state and specifically between the Oklahoma City and the Tulsa metro areas.

The successful applicant will receive mentoring by senior faculty in:

- Research and evaluation including opportunities for the development of grant proposals
- Professional presentations and publications in research, evaluation, and quality improvement studies
- Experience working on funded projects
- Community based and applied forensic social work scholarship and leadership
- Interprofessional and multi-disciplinary science

This 1-year fellowship will expect to begin in January 2021 though the start date is negotiable, with the funding available for an extension for one additional year, pending a successful performance review. In this case, scholarly productivity is a specific criterion to demonstrate success and renewal of the position.

Applications are being processed now!

For more information, and to apply, visit:

<https://ou.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=202407&tz=GMT-05%3A00&tzname=America%2FChicago>

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