

**School of Social Work
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

The School of Social Work invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position with a starting date of August 16, 2021. This position is central to our strategic emphasis on community-engaged social justice research, particularly around racial disparities in health and other outcomes. We seek an emerging scholar with a focus on understanding the extent of, reasons for, and solutions to racially disparate outcomes in at least one of the substantive areas in which we have strengths, such as health equity, education, child welfare, and economic well-being. We are especially interested in understanding the effects of violence, limited community and family resources, the role of discrimination in understanding well-being, and the use of technology to promote social good. We also seek candidates with interests and skills in enhancing our curriculum and educational delivery related to racial justice.

The successful candidate will have established an initial research portfolio that demonstrates promise in terms of generating a highly productive and impactful record including publications and external funding. Demonstration of the ability to establish excellence in teaching social work undergraduate and graduate students likewise is expected. A Ph.D. in social work or another health or social science field is required; candidates holding MSW degrees are preferred.

The University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer that recruits and hires qualified candidates without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or veteran status. For more information, visit <http://go.illinois.edu/EEQ>.

The University of Illinois School of Social Work is a freestanding unit renowned for its achievements in research, teaching, and community engagement. We pride ourselves on diverse interdisciplinary collaborations, including with our world-leading technology-focused disciplines and innovative health initiatives. Our social work degree programs have expanded rapidly in the last ten years, and now include hybrid options with teaching opportunities on our campus, in Chicago, and online. We have extensive well-developed partnerships with state and community-based agencies that provide fertile networks for research and teaching development. The School is committed to developing and disseminating knowledge for practice, with special emphasis on identifying the needs of vulnerable and disenfranchised groups, developing responsive social welfare programs, and promoting social and economic justice. The School is the home of the Children and Family Research Center (<https://www.cfr.illinois.edu/>) and the Center for Prevention Research and Development (<https://cprd.illinois.edu/>).

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) is consistently ranked in the top fifty of all universities world-wide. The UIUC library and its related information resources are unmatched, and access to a wealth of information resources likewise is outstanding. Our Champaign-Urbana community is diverse and welcoming, and blends the best of micro-urban living with easy access to Chicago.

Application:

Qualified applicants must create a candidate profile through <https://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload a cover letter, resume, a research-based writing sample, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references. Full consideration will be given to applications received by January 20, 2021. Interviews may take place before the closing date, but all applications received by the closing date will receive full consideration. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered.

For further information regarding application procedures, you may contact Debbie Richardson at drchrdsn@illinois.edu. You may also visit <http://www.socialwork.illinois.edu> for information about the School.

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, visit [Policy on Consideration of Sexual Misconduct in Prior Employment](#). As a qualifying federal contractor, the University of Illinois System uses E-Verify to verify