Social Policy Doctoral Fellow Position

The Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri is seeking applications for a three-year, funded doctoral fellowship training position in social policy. This fellowship will prepare an outstanding graduate student for an academic or applied research career focused on social policy generally, including poverty, health, education, immigration, and employment and training policy.

The Truman School is deeply interdisciplinary; the diverse academic training of our faculty gives students an opportunity to explore many theoretical and methodological perspectives. While paired with a faculty mentor, the Social Policy Fellow will also work with numerous other national social policy experts from the Truman School and affiliated departments at the University of Missouri. Faculty include:

- **Claire Altman**, assistant professor of health sciences and public affairs, who conducts research on population health and immigrant well-being
- **Irma Arteaga**, assistant professor of public affairs, who conducts research on family policy and early childhood interventions
- **Peter Mueser**, professor of economics, who conducts research on labor economics
- **Clark Peters**, assistant professor of social work and public affairs, who conducts research on child welfare services, judicial oversight of dependency cases, and the transition to adulthood for young people who have been in foster care
- **Stephanie Potochnick**, assistant professor of public affairs and public health, who conducts research on the social demography of immigration and immigrant youth education and health policy

A second, distinct advantage at the Truman School is its emphasis on rigorous research with an explicit focus on the point where theory meets practice. As such, the Social Policy Fellow will gain policy-relevant research experience, including opportunities to collaborate with research centers at the Truman School and throughout the University of Missouri. Research centers include:

- **Cambio Center**, which leads research on and outreach for Latinos and changing communities
- **Center for Family Policy and Research**, which serves as a resource for the development of effective public policies relating to children, youth, and families
- **Center for Health Policy**, which fosters dialogue and analysis of health policy issues important to the welfare of Missouri citizens
• **Coalition on Early Learning**, an interdisciplinary intercampus research group that focuses on early education and outcomes

• **Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center**, which provides tax data and analysis to the Missouri State Legislature by providing the fiscal impact of proposed legislation and to the citizens of Missouri through publications like the Missouri Statistical Data Archive, Historical Tax Summary, and the Tax Expenditure report

• **Institute of Public Policy**, which provides independent, nonpartisan, and evidence-based state and national policy recommendations on topics such as food policy, criminal justice policy, public opinion polling, and election forecasting

• **Interdisciplinary Center for Food Insecurity**, which undertakes research and projects concerning food security issues, including publication of the Missouri Hunger Atlas

• **Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis**, which collaborates with partners in the analysis of social and economic data in ways that contribute to improvements in the well-being of people, enterprises, and communities

• **Population, Health and Education Center**, which promotes Big Data research and houses the University of Missouri Research Data Center—one of only 24 sites nationwide that are part of the Federal Statistical Research Data Center program

The Social Policy Fellow will enroll in a specialized coursework plan leading to a Ph.D. in Public Affairs. The program of study may include courses in policy analysis and program evaluation; advanced research methods; social policy, health policy, early childhood policy, immigration policy or social theory. The Truman School offers small classes, close relationships with faculty mentors, and opportunities to participate in ongoing research. The result is a rich academic experience that leaves graduates well prepared for academic, research, and policy careers.

The Social Policy Fellowship includes full tuition reimbursement for coursework and a stipend of $18,000 per year. In addition, the Truman School provides annual travel funding for graduate students to attend national and international conferences, as well as support for dissertation-related expenses.

Applications for the Social Policy Fellowship are due by January 5, 2018. To apply, follow the Truman School’s formal application and admissions process and include a description of your interests and qualifications for the Social Policy Fellowship in the personal statement. The process of selection for the fellowship is competitive; a fellowship will be awarded only if a suitable applicant is identified.

We encourage you to visit the Truman School website, [http://truman.missouri.edu/](http://truman.missouri.edu/), where you will find general information about research and studies at the Truman School and more about the interests and expertise of our faculty members as well as current Ph.D. students. Also visit our webpage specifically for prospective students, [http://truman.missouri.edu/prospective-students](http://truman.missouri.edu/prospective-students), where you can read about our doctoral studies program and learn more about the application process and requirements.