Project Specialist, Bilingual Russian (Assessment)

Recruitment #: S2277
Review Date: Immediate review | Open until filled
Department: The Research Institute
Annual Salary Rate: $63,745 - $71,060

Position Summary:
Project Specialists participate as members of a collaborative team working on a variety of projects within the TRI’s Center on Early Learning and Youth Development (CELYD). Project Specialists provide a continuum of services and products across the early learning system in Oregon. CELYD engages in Early Learning and/or Youth Development at the state level which requires a specialized knowledge and skills as well as an ability to navigate change, emergent needs and the expectations of system work. Project Specialists are expected to use culturally responsive, innovative best practices across a variety of duties including; program and process development, systems collaboration, change and alignment, program assessment and observation, system communications, leadership and facilitation, and training and technical assistance.

TRI staff are expected to engage in continual learning in anti-racism, equity, diversity, inclusion and outreach in order to cultivate equitable practices across all aspects of position duties and participate and engage in efforts to further develop and implement the center, projects and university's equity work and goals.

Bilingual staff may be asked to use both languages across duties and activities as needed. Bilingual staff will provide translation and interpretation in a culturally responsive manner as needed for this position.

- Work collaboratively in a team environment. Facilitate, participate in and contribute to project meetings, seminars, workshop and other gatherings as needed
- Provide ongoing administrative and communication support
- Participate in team meetings on both the project teams and the CELYD team
- Effectively communicate with a wide variety of individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds, including providing high quality customer service
- Participate in internal and external meetings
- Maintain confidential information
- Complete duties related to assigned project/s; adapting to team needs as tasks arise

Bilingual Assessment Specialist (Russian)
The primary purpose of this position is to provide assessments/observations using selected versions of the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) assessment tools for early learning programs. Bilingual Assessment Specialists will conduct and score the assessments/observations and write reports in English or Russian as needed. Bilingual Assessment Specialists will also provide professional learning and technical assistance (TA) to early learning professionals in Oregon. The Bilingual Assessment Specialist will provide translation and interpretation as needed for this position. The Bilingual Assessment Specialist will be assigned a primary service area but will also be
expected to travel statewide to conduct assessments and provide professional learning/TA. This position requires frequent in-state travel, occasional out of state travel, and semi-frequent night and weekend work.

Click here for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Combination of experience and education equivalent to a Bachelor’s degree and 5 years of experience related to the duties of the position
- At least 3 years professional work experience in childhood care and education (birth to age 12) and/or other relevant experience such as home visiting, CCR&R, human/social services, assessment work, or child care licensing
- Ability to become a reliable Assessment Specialist within 6 months of hire and maintain reliability
- Bilingual and biliterate in Russian/English
- Proficient oral and written communication skills

Women, Black, Indigenous and People of Color, veterans, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply for this position, even if they do not meet qualifications exactly as listed. We are most interested in finding the best person to fulfill this role within our university community, and that candidate may be someone with transferable skills and experience rather than exact qualifications.

**Required Application materials:**

1. WOU Employment Application form available here - unclassified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that addresses each qualification of the position.
3. Resume

**Additional Application information:**

Contact information for three professional references will be requested from finalists. Western Oregon University only considers visa support for Tenure Track employees placed in specialized positions that are continuing regular university appointments for multiple years.

**Background/Education Check:**

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. An education check will be processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

**Employee COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement:**

All WOU students and employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All newly hired employees must meet the vaccination requirement or file an exemption prior to their first day of employment.

**Benefits:**

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid
healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities. [http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/](http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/)

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace. We celebrate our inclusive work environment and encourage people of all backgrounds and perspectives to apply. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you require any accommodations, please email us at employment[at]wou.edu and we will work with you to meet your accessibility needs.