Open Rank Professor – Multilevel Modeling
Research and Evaluation Methodology Program
College of Education

The Florida Legislature has designed the University of Florida (UF) as a preeminent institution and is providing additional funds (http://ufpreeminence.org/). With this investment, UF has received funds for recruiting nationally recognized researchers to maximize UF’s impact and help continue the transformation of the institution into a global university. As part of this effort, applications are invited for an open rank professor in the Research and Evaluation Methodology (REM) program in the College of Education. The successful candidate will hold a faculty appointment in REM (https://education.ufl.edu/research-evaluation-methods/) and will be a member of the UF Informatics Institute (https://informatics.institute.ufl.edu/).

In education, availability of large and massive datasets for research is booming, because data is being collected by traditional and virtual K-12 schools, online tutoring systems, online games and simulations, e-learning management systems, as well as nationally representative longitudinal surveys sponsored by the federal government. These datasets often have a multilevel structure, where observations are clustered by students, class sections, instructors, courses, institutions, states and countries. Therefore, statistical methods to analyze data with a multilevel structure are critical to educational research. The REM program aims to recruit a faculty member whose research focuses on analysis methods for multilevel data. This faculty member in College of Education will join preeminence hires in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to build a cross-college and cross-disciplinary group of scholars to leverage the explosion of data in understanding people, culture, political development, education, and human behavior.

Responsibilities include:

- Conducting a program of research and scholarly publication in analysis methods for multilevel data.
- Securing external funding to support research and training agendas.
- Supervising graduate student research and teaching.
- Establish research collaborations with faculty and students in education.
- Providing service to the university and profession.

This is a nine-month tenure track position with open rank. Minimum requirements include a doctorate in quantitative research methods, statistics, or closely-related field. The applicant should have a history of successful grant funding, interdisciplinary collaboration, and publication in the area of expertise. Salary is negotiable, competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate is expected to begin August 16, 2016. The University of Florida is strongly committed to diversity of its workplace. College of Education shares this commitment and eagerly invites applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply for the position.

Apply to, please visit: https://jobs.ufl.edu Please reference requisition number XXXXXXX. To ensure full consideration, application materials should be submitted by February 1st, 2016. Applications received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the committee and hiring authority. If you have any questions or need any technical help please contact Human Resources at 352-392-2477. Applicants must upload (1) a cover letter addressing research and teaching interests and qualifications, (2) a current curriculum vitae, (3) names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three references, (4) three publications representative of program of research, and (5) student assessments of instruction (if available).
Send email inquiries or nominations to Walter Leite, search committee chair, at walter.leite@coe.ufl.edu.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution. The selection process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida's "Government in the Sunshine" and Public Records laws. Search Committee meetings and interviews are open to the public and all applications, resumes, and other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: The Research and Evaluation Methodology (REM) program is part of the School of Human Development and Organizational Studies of College of Education. The mission of the REM program is to generate, evaluate, apply and disseminate knowledge about educational research methodology, to prepare exemplary educational research methodologists, and to collaborate with others to provide methodology for the advancement of educational research. It offers Ph.D., M.A.E., and M.Ed. degrees. The current REM program faculty members specialize in research design, educational statistics, psychometrics, program evaluation, and qualitative methods.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE: The University of Florida College of Education, founded in 1906, is the highest ranked education college in both the state and among public institutions in the Southeast, and is ranked 20th nationally among public education colleges in the 2016 U.S. News & World Report survey of America’s Best Graduate Schools. Four of the college's academic programs, including its online graduate education program, occupy top 20 slots in the US News rankings, with two among the top five in their specialty areas. Cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and public scholarship—often conducted in partnership with other UF colleges, school districts and communities across the state—are yielding powerful learning systems and models that are helping to transform education in today’s changing world, starting with our youngest learners. The college is involved in three of UF’s designated priority research areas in UF’s state-funded Preeminence initiative. The college has 87 full-time faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service. Faculty researchers last year held more than $86 million in active funding supporting studies and projects addressing education’s most critical issues. Teaching is one of several areas of study from which UF education students can choose. More than 1,500 education students are enrolled on campus in 28 bachelor’s and advanced degree programs and concentration areas, within nine academic specialties: K-12 Curriculum and Instruction • Counseling and Counselor Education • Early Childhood Education • Educational Leadership • Higher Education Administration • Research and Evaluation Methods • School Psychology • Special Education • Student Personnel in Higher Education. Enrollment in the college’s nationally ranked online programs tops 1,750 students from around the world. To sustain the college's innovative edge deep into the 21st century, heightened emphasis on emerging technology, advanced graduate studies and interdisciplinary research will effectively prepare tomorrow's leaders in all education disciplines. The college's educator preparation programs have been continuously accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954. Almost 30,000 passionate “EduGator” alumni reside throughout the world.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY: The University of Florida is a public, land-grant research university and one of the most comprehensive and academically diverse universities in the nation. U.S. News & World Report ranks UF 14th among public universities. Rankings such as 4th among AAU publics and 3rd in Kiplinger’s “Best Values in Public Colleges” are a result of UF’s commitment to provide the highest quality education at the best value. UF is home to 16 colleges and more than 200 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes, and boasts more than 4,000 faculty members, 50,000 students and 367,000 alumni. Faculty generated $706 million in research awards last year.

ABOUT THE AREA: UF is situated in Gainesville in North Central Florida, a progressive college town blending big-city cultural and athletic offerings with small-town friendliness and charm, along with excellent schools. Gainesville is often recognized as one of America’s best college towns, and as a “Tree City” by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It offers easily accessibility to three major metropolitan areas (Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa). With its famous sunshine, tropical breezes, and abundant wilderness, springs and rivers nearby, Gainesville offers the perfect balance of premier academics and a fulfilling lifestyle.