

Associate Director, Straus Center for Young Children and Families

The Straus Center for Young Children and Families at Bank Street College is seeking a dynamic leader and researcher to help implement and communicate the early childhood research, policy, and advocacy priorities of the Center. This is a compelling opportunity to build on the laboratory of Bank Street's children's programs, decades of teacher education, and a vibrant alumni community working in educational settings across the country.

The Straus Center for Young Children and Families at Bank Street College of Education was founded in 2015 to advance research and practice in early childhood education. The Straus Center conducts and disseminates research that brings practice and policy together to improve outcomes for all children but especially for young children living in poverty birth through age 8 years. The Straus Center for Young Children and Families generates knowledge for state and municipal leaders to inform productive changes to programs and practices.

The Associate Director will support the Director of the Straus Center in all center operations. His/her main roles and responsibilities will be to:

- Assist the Director of the Center with determining research projects that fit with the center's priorities.
- Lead the design and implementation of various research projects in line with the mission and priorities of the Straus Center.
- Identify potential funding sources and successfully garner funding to support the research activities of the Center.
- Communicate the Center's activities in various forums.
- Support the Director in various tasks that help to build the Center,
- Build relationships between the Straus Center and other entities within Bank Street as well as forge relationships with potential external partners.

Required Qualifications

Applicants may be junior or mid-career scholars. Applicants are required to have earned a doctoral degree from an accredited major research university with a specialization in early childhood education, child development, public policy, research methodology, or some other related field. Applicants must have a track record of scholarly publications and research funding as well as experience with leading the implementation of research projects. A focus on infant and toddler programming and/or expertise in mixed methods research designs and quantitative methods are highly desired. An ideal candidate will also have practical experience working with young children.

We strongly encourage applications from individuals who are members of groups that have been and still are underrepresented in university faculty positions. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

This is an exciting opportunity to help build a new research center in early childhood education. For more information about this position please contact Dr. Sharon Ryan, Director of the Straus Center for Young Children and Families by email sryan@bankstreet.edu.