

Oregon State University
Postdoctoral Scholar for ALK-8 Project

Position: Full-Time

Start date: Flexible, but no later than June, 2023

Funding through Sept. 2024, 1-year commitment required (remote work available), with the potential for additional renewal

The Oregon State University College of Education seeks a full-time postdoctoral scholar. This position supports the \$6.9M contract with the OR Department of Education, funded by ESSER III federal funds for education to support those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project is titled Accelerating Learning in K-8. The project will unite elementary and secondary subject matter teachers, teacher leaders, school counselors, university faculty, ODE specialists, and other education experts across Oregon to co-design practical and research-based solutions for accelerating K-8 literacies with multilingual learners, learners experiencing disabilities and all students served by Oregon's public education. The partners in the project will actively be involved in identifying how to advance equitable and just K-8 literacy, including attention to mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).

The project is to begin immediately, with a period of strategic planning this winter and spring, to hone strategies and tactics and build subject-, level-, and regional working groups. This involves recruiting up to 150 teacher leaders for professional development and co-design resources and tools to support K-8 literacies. The project has a healthy budget to support faculty (and other designated experts), teacher leaders, and teachers across the life cycle of the work. It will wrap up in the summer of 2024 with a state-wide summit targeting 1000 educators, including elementary and secondary teachers and leaders across Oregon.

The postdoc will work as part of the project research team, in charge of conceptualizing and directing project research that supports the evaluation of all educational activities and programs under the contract with PIs, Dr. Jana Bouwma-Gearhart, the Associate Dean of Research, Dr. Rebekah Elliott, Mathematics Education faculty in the OSU College of Education, and other project leadership.

Primary responsibilities include collaborating with the project leadership that consists of a project director, a high-level *leadership team* of university faculty, teacher leaders, and state-level education specialists, a *tactical team* of these same community members and additional teacher leaders, regional education leaders, and other education specialists to conceptualize education tools, resources, and professional development for K-8 educators working with multilingual students and students experiencing disabilities. This will include developing evaluation tools and frameworks, gathering data, analyzing data, and preparing and delivering oral presentations and written reports and papers. Additional responsibilities may include coordinating and strategizing project evaluation activities, contributing to project reports to funder, project strategizing, and limited outreach and engagement.

Required qualifications include:

- Doctorate in the Education Sciences or related fields
- Experience and/or interests in K-12 educational research
- Experience in data management and analysis in the social sciences
- Experience in creating data dissemination products for diverse stakeholders
- Evidence of excellent writing and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively on a team and complex projects
- Excellent organization skills and attention to detail
- Demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience teaching or leadership in K-12 education
- A background in one of the following: ELA, STEM, bilingual, or special education

To apply, please send the following to Drs. Jana Bouwma-Gearhart (jana.bouwma-gearhart@oregonstate.edu) and Rebekah Elliott (elliotr@oregonstate.edu)

- curriculum vitae
- transcripts from your doctoral program (unofficial are acceptable)
- a letter summarizing your relevant qualifications/experiences, expertise, and interests
- contact information for three references