Director, Marriage and Religion Research Information Project (full-time, 35 hours/week)
Leo Initiative for Catholic Social Research
Position 101708

Position Summary: The function of the Marriage and Religion Research Information Project (MARRI) is to promote research and understanding of marriage, family and religion, their mutual interrelationships, and their relations to other basic institutions (education, marketplace, government and health). Consonant with the mission of the Leo Initiative to “explore social realities from a Catholic perspective and advance the claims of the Catholic faith,” MARRI contributes to the mission of the University by promoting an understanding of the institutions of marriage, family, and religion, and the establishment of strong marriages and families, informed by the Catholic faith.

The Director is the chief executive, administrator and principal academic leader of the Institute, guiding its vision, generating resources in support of that vision, managing operations and promoting the visibility of MARRI and dissemination of its products.

Essential Responsibilities Include: Raise funds in excess of $1.5 million per year to fully sustain MARRI’s budget and initiatives, from external donors, grants and gifts, in consultation with the Division of University Advancement. Cultivate, develop and sustain high level relationships with international and national government, Church and organization officials to advance the goals of MARRI and Catholic University. Develop and implement ongoing MARRI research agenda on marriage, family and religion. Recruit, hire, evaluate and supervise MARRI staff, expected to grow to ten or more employees. Develop and oversee the MARRI budget of over $1 million per year. Manage and oversee development and maintenance of Marripedia database. Coordinate with the University Provost, Leo Initiative, Office of Sponsored Programs, and other university schools, departments and centers regarding MARRI research and projects. Coordinate with Catholic University faculty to develop research and teaching resources consistent with the goals of MARRI.

Organize conferences, both on campus and externally, on topics related to marriage and religion. Work with the Office of Marketing and Communications to publicize the MARRI's's work through various media. Write articles, opinion editorials and original research to advance MARRI goals and raise public awareness of issues of marriage and religion.

Minimum Qualifications: PhD. in science or social science field. At least fifteen years of successful experience managing a religiously based research policy agency, with an annual budget in excess of $800,000 and more than ten employees supervised, raising funds, and developing new program initiatives, with successively increasing budget and administrative responsibility. Extensive knowledge of Catholic teachings and research literature on the family, natural family, conjugal marriage, and related topics; ability to manage a diverse geographically distributed staff.

Preferred Qualifications: Clinical certifications are desirable.

How to apply: forward application, resume, cover letter and salary requirements (salary expectations are considered part of application process): CUARecruitment@cua.edu. Reference position title or 101708 in subject line of email. Please do not include photos on resumes and save documents with first/last names. Applications close on 6/21/16.

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