

National Coordinator, Broader, Bolder Approach to Education

Job Description:

The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) seeks a national coordinator for its campaign for a Broader, Bolder Approach (BBA) to education. BBA insists that economic and social inequality is an important contributor to achievement gaps, and that attention to an array of non-school factors that limit achievement. should complement school improvement efforts. Such non-school factors include, among other things, early childhood experiences, and differential access to health clinics and out- of- school programs. BBA challenges the current focus on test-based accountability because such accountability narrows the curriculum and creates perverse incentives, and has done little or nothing to close racial , ethnic and income-based gaps in education achievement. BBA supports a broader, qualitative approach to accountability, urging attention to a broad set of students' knowledge and skills. BBA's focus is on Federal, state and local policy. BBA is supported by prominent experts from unusually diverse political, religious and policy backgrounds. BBA is led by Co-Chairs Helen Ladd, Pedro Noguera, and Tom Payzant and by a national advisory group, chaired by Susan B. Neuman and Richard Rothstein. Further information is available at www.boldapproach.org.

The national coordinator will report to and work with BBA's leadership to develop and oversee advocacy, communications and research program activities. The following skills are required:

- Excellent leadership and managerial skills;
- Knowledge of the process by which Federal and state/local education policy is formulated;
- Familiarity with contemporary education programs and policy debates, and their historical context;
- Ability to understand and articulate new research findings regarding education;
- Ability to communicate research findings and policy positions to policymakers, the media and to parent and community groups.

We seek a senior-level candidate. Experience in policy-making or management is a strong plus.

The mission of the Economic Policy Institute is to provide high-quality research and education to promote a prosperous, fair, and sustainable economy. EPI's staff and its network of researchers have a proven capacity for high quality scholarship, a demonstrated ability to communicate to diverse audiences, a commitment to a free exchange of ideas, and a willingness to challenge conventional thinking. It adheres to strict standards of sound, objective research and analysis, and promotes this research with outreach and popular and policy education.

The Economic Policy Institute is an affirmative action employer. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Applicants should send a cover letter, letter of interest, vita, list of references, and writing samples to Boldapproach@epi.org. Potential applicants should feel free to send inquiries requesting further information to the same address. Please, no phone calls.