The Director of the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) has administrative and leadership responsibility for the development and conduct of social science research at the university level and has the obligation and responsibility to oversee and execute the mission of the SSRC.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. in relevant field
- Extensive experience with funded research
- 4+ years of management experience

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

1. Provide vision and leadership for the SSRC.
2. Monitor and evaluate programmatic and operational effectiveness; identify areas needing improvement; develop strategic planning measures to effect change and improvements.
3. Develop and manage annual budgets for the organization; identify, secure, and administer program funding from a variety of sources (e.g., state, federal, and private entities).
4. Facilitate, promote, and support the work of multiple independent researchers affiliated with the Center, while nurturing cross-sector collaboration and diversity of expertise, ideas, and disciplines.
5. Promote the SSRC and the university in local, state, and national settings with government agencies, foundations, university departments, and other entities.

ABOUT THE SSRC

- Founded in 1950
- Reports to VP of Research and Economic Development and VP of Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine
- Employs over 250 people
- Main location in Starkville with employees across the state
- Combines expertise and capacities of multiple institutions, disciplines, and professions
- Encompasses 13 labs and units including Tobacco Control Unit, Survey Research Lab, Gender Impacts Lab, Data Science for the Social Sciences Lab, and the Evaluation and Research Group
- Learn more at ssrc.msstate.edu

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a letter of interest, contact information for 3-5 references, and CV in the online application at explore.msujobs.msstate.edu.

Application review is ongoing, and the application will remain open until the position is filled.

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