



School of Arts and Sciences

Eliot-Pearson Children's School

Under the direction of Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development



Position Title: Tufts University Eliot Pearson Department of Child Development Postdoctoral Fellow at the Eliot –Pearson Children's School

Starting Date: September 1, 2010.

Eliot Pearson Children's School Overview:

The Eliot-Pearson Children's School is the laboratory-demonstration program affiliated with the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development at Tufts University. The school serves as a model and demonstration facility, providing training and observation site for new and experienced teachers, undergraduate and graduate students in Child Development, and a research facility for faculty and supervised students in the Department of Child Development. The school serves 80 children and families in three preschool classrooms, a kindergarten and a first/second grade. The Children's School has a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, serving children with special needs in every classroom. The school has several missions: providing high quality service to children and families, serving as a site for teaching training and research; developing and disseminating new ideas in teaching and learning; developing collaborations and outreach with community schools and programs, and providing professional development for both in-service and preservice teacher education.

Department of Child Development Overview:

The Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development is one of the country's leading departments serving children, youth, and families through its research, practice, and teaching. Noted for its interdisciplinary work and for its integration of research and practice, the Department prepares students to become leaders in a variety of fields, including education, developmental science, early intervention, advocacy and the law, program evaluation, fields focusing on the arts and technology as they relate to children's development, and health-related fields such as pediatrics and child mental health.

The Department's interdisciplinary faculty and research opportunities as well as its course offerings and concentrations, all provide rich and varied ways for students to become scholar-practitioners. Those educated at Eliot-Pearson, regardless of their specific career paths, are expected to contribute to and lead efforts to enhance the lives of children and youth.

Position Overview:

The post-doctoral fellow participates with both the Children's School and the Department of Applied Child Development with two main responsibilities: to function as a teacher of young children in the Children's School and to develop and support research projects and dissemination at the school. The Postdoctoral Fellow position is guided by the Director of the Children's School /faculty member, Debbie LeeKeenan, and an additional faculty member from the Department. The Postdoctoral Fellowship is considered a training appointment with specific requirements and responsibilities. The successful candidate will be expected to

develop a mentor relationship with a member of the E-P faculty. The individual in this position may be given other guided responsibilities such as supervision of staff, grant proposal writing, writing papers for publication and other training sessions. This fellowship is 25 hours a week and follows the Children’s School calendar. The length of fellowship is 1-2 years with a second year contingent on successful completion of year one. The specific teaching assignment will be defined by the Director. The research proposal will be defined by the Director and fellow in conjunction with faculty advisors.

Position Qualifications:

1. Required Education: Doctorate in Applied Child Development and/or related field
2. Preschool Teaching Certificate (Head Teacher or Director Status)
3. Required computer/technical skills: SPSS, Atlas.ti, and Powerpoint
4. Early Childhood Teaching Experience
5. Grant Writing Experience
6. Research Experience in Early Education Settings

Compensation:

Stipend
 Full Tufts staff benefits
 Access to Tufts facilities and libraries

I.Responsibilities

Approx. Percent	Responsibilities
40%	Teaching: Provide a dynamic, developmental inclusive program for mixed age children from 12:30-3:00 (5 days a week), supervise the teaching team, program development and planning meetings, monitor budget
40%	Support and develop research projects for the school in conjunction with Director, faculty member; grant writing, documentation and dissemination
20%	Other, such as administrative training, admissions, supervision, home-school partnerships.

II. How to apply:

Please complete application and send with cover letter, CV, transcripts, statement of interest, and three letters of recommendation to Debbie LeeKeenan, Director. Eliot-Pearson Children's School, 105 College Ave, Medford, MA 02155 .

Review of applications begins January 1, 2010.

Eliot-Pearson Children's School Application for Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please answer the following questions in a statement of interest.

- Why are you interested in the post-doctoral fellowship at the EPCS?
- What are your interests/experience in the teaching of young children?
- What are your proposed research interests? Who are some possible Eliot-Pearson faculty mentors?
- How would an applied/research fellowship support your future goals/directions? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
- What do you see as the strengths you would bring to this fellowship?
- What do you see as potential challenges for you in this position?

Signature:

Date:

