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### **Doctoral Assistantship Opportunity**

**The College of Education at the University of South Carolina Columbia, is proud to offer Full-Time Graduate Assistantships in the following four program areas in the Department of Instruction & Teacher Education:**

**Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education**

**Ph.D. in Language & Literacy**

**Ph.D. in Teaching & Learning**

**Ed.D. in Curriculum Studies**

The University of South Carolina, Columbia is the state's flagship university with more than 200 years of history and tradition. Located in close proximity to beaches and mountain destinations, this urban research university campus within a diverse community has a high livability appeal to students who are interested in pursuing a doctorate in education with some of the top scholars in the field. USC is recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as a Research One institution with a reputation for personal attention to graduate students. As such, our assistantships are designed to enable doctoral students to pursue full-time studies while simultaneously enabling them to gain professional teaching experience in higher education.

Each assistantship is awarded for one year with two additional years of funding assured contingent on successful progress towards the doctoral degree.

The assistantship provides:

- \$10,000 per year stipend
- Full-time tuition reimbursement up to 12 semester hours
- Student health insurance during the academic years of award

In exchange for the above, each student is expected to provide 20 service hours weekly in the form of teaching and/or research assistance.

Interested students should submit their application materials by February 15 for the following fall semester. (In other words, applicants seeking funding for Fall 2012 must submit their materials by February 15, 2012.)

Students must also submit their CV/resume and a letter of interest to Dr. Muller ([meir@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:meir@mailbox.sc.edu)) (a) indicating that they wish to be considered, and (b) elaborating why they feel they would be a good candidate for an assistantship. The Doctoral Selection Committee may also request an interview with assistantship candidates. Assistantships can only be awarded to students who are fully admitted to a doctoral program in the Department of Instruction & Teacher Education (<http://www.ed.sc.edu>). Interested students should submit a formal application to a doctoral program through the USC Graduate School (<http://gradschool.sc.edu>) no later than February 15. At the same time, they should submit their CV/resume and a letter of interest to Dr. Muller ([meir@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:meir@mailbox.sc.edu)) (a) indicating that they wish to be considered for an assistantship, and (b) elaborating why they feel they would be a good candidate.

All entering doctoral students who are awarded an assistantship must attend a workshop sponsored by the University of South Carolina Graduate School during the week prior to the beginning of classes in the fall semester. This applies to doctoral students who have teaching as part of their duties. Usually, this workshop is held near the middle of August.

Priority will be given to candidates who, in the opinion of the committee, best meet the department's mission statement.