Assistant Professor in Social Science Informatics

The Departments of Political Science and Sociology at the University of Iowa invite applications as part of a university-wide Informatics Initiative (http://informatics.uiowa.edu/) for an Assistant Professor tenure-track position, starting August 2016. Although this is a joint appointment in Political Science and Sociology, the person hired will be able to negotiate the percentage appointment in each department as well as the location of the tenure home. We seek a candidate with expertise and research interests in the use or development of computational statistics, big data analytics, network analysis, data visualization, text analysis, machine learning, spatial and longitudinal statistical analysis, or other areas of social data analytics. The Departments of Political Science and Sociology offer supportive homes for faculty in information sciences, as both have long traditions of strength in quantitative research. Opportunities abound for collaboration within the Departments of Political Science and Sociology, as well as for cross-disciplinary research with economics, environmental sciences, engineering, medicine and public health, public policy, mass communications, digital humanities, law, and other disciplines in liberal arts and sciences.

Successful applicants will show promise of excellence in scholarly research and teaching, as well as interest in research collaboration. Participation in the Informatics Initiative is designed to facilitate the candidate’s research agenda as well as help to create the intellectual foundation needed to educate a new generation of experts in this area. The successful candidate for this position will be expected to teach courses in social science informatics or social data analytics. The successful candidate will join a team of faculty as part of this innovative multidisciplinary initiative. Participation in the Informatics Initiative will be an important component in performance evaluations.

Applicants must complete a Ph.D. in Political Science, Sociology, or a similar field prior to August 17, 2016, and must be free to assume the duties of this position on that date.

Candidates should submit applications online at http://jobs.uiowa.edu/. Refer to requisition number 67503. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three recommendation letters, a statement on research, a statement on teaching, publications, and manuscripts in progress.

*The Departments of Political Science and Sociology and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are strongly committed to gender and ethnic diversity; the strategic plans of the University and College reflect this commitment. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Iowa is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.*