

**Postdoctoral Scholar
Usable Scholarship in Education (USE) Initiative
School of Education, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan**

The Usable Scholarship in Education (USE) Initiative seeks a postdoctoral scholar to contribute to this new initiative in the School of Education at the University of Michigan. The selected individual will work with the USE Initiative director (Professor Edward Silver) and other interested faculty and students in confronting one of the great challenges facing the field of education—a perceived disconnection between educational practice/policy on the one hand and education research/scholarship on the other. The deeply rooted perception that education scholarship is disconnected from education practice is a threat to all efforts aimed at using knowledge and evidence to improve the education system, and it deserves the careful attention of both researchers and practitioners. The USE initiative treats the relationship between educational scholarship and educational practice as the focus of its activity.

Candidates must have an earned doctoral degree in education or in another social science domain with strong connections to education. The successful applicant will have excellent written and oral communication skills, a demonstrated ability to engage in creative scholarship/research in or related closely to education, and a strong interest in the focus of the USE Initiative. Desirable attributes for this position include: experience as a teacher, administrator or researcher in school settings; knowledge of current issues in education policy and practice; experience with a range of quantitative and qualitative methods used in social science research. Background in mathematics education or science education would also be an asset, though it is not essential.

This position is open to all qualified U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens without regard to race, age, gender, religion, color, national origin, or physical disability. The appointment will be for 12 months, beginning in Fall 2010, and is eligible for renewal for a second year. The anticipated salary is \$50,000, plus benefits (including some support for professional travel).

Interested applicants should send the following:

- letter describing the applicant's research accomplishments/interests and detailing how these align with the focus of the USE Initiative described above;
- curriculum vitae;
- copy of one publication-quality paper authored or co-authored by the applicant; and
- the names, affiliations and contact information for 3-5 professional references we could contact for recommendations.

Please submit materials by email to Byron Coleman (byronc@umich.edu). Review of materials will begin in mid-March 2010; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions about this position should be directed to Professor Edward Silver (easilver@umich.edu).