Research Program Specialist II (May Consider RPS I)
Multiple Positions Available
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Have a passion for non-partisan public policy research? Use your quantitative and qualitative research skills to join a dynamic team that provides time-sensitive policy research and analysis to the Legislature, Governor and Constitutional Officers. Working under the Assistant Director, you’ll manage multiple quantitative and qualitative projects in a fast-paced environment, synthesizing data from different sources and writing clear and succinct analyses that contribute to state-level public policy debates. You may access the full duty statement here.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledgeable in research methods and techniques with strong quantitative skills. For example: statistical modeling, multivariate regression, econometrics, data viz and/or geospatial analysis
- Exceptional writing skills, particularly for a public policy environment
- Experience working in public policy environments at the local, state or national level
- Ability to work in a fast-paced newsroom-like environment
- Ability to program in R, Stata or Python or another language
- Experience managing projects with peers in a collaborative environment
- Experience showing initiative and responding flexibly and with tact to changing priorities
- Ability to write analyses across a variety of topics, independent of specialty
- Public policy expertise in a specific field (e.g. econ, finance, environmental science or education)

Application Process:

Establish Eligibility: Current state employees with a status as an RPS I or II, or lateral transfers in an equivalent class, former State employees who can reinitialize into this class or persons who are reachable on a current employment list for this classification are eligible to apply.

If you are not currently on the RPS I or RPS II exam list, you may take the exam(s) here:
RPS I: https://jobs.ca.gov/Bulletin/Bulletin/Index?examCD=3PB1601
RPS II: https://jobs.ca.gov/Bulletin/Bulletin/Index?examCD=3PB1602

Apply for the Position: Complete a standard state examination/employment application form https://jobs.ca.gov/Profile/StateApplication with original signature and clearly indicate the basis for eligibility (list, transfer, or reinstatement. [do not note LEAP eligibility]) in the “Explanations” section of the STD 678 (STD 678).

- Attach all required supporting documents (i.e. transcript/diploma, license and/or required certificate) to your application.
- Mail or deliver your completed application to the California State Library (CSL):
  => Mail: Human Resources Services Office, Attn: Ken Lawrence, PO Box 942837, Sacramento, Ca 94237-0001
  => In Person: HRSO Drop Box, Attn: Ken Lawrence, 900 N Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, Ca

Additional Information: SRDA/Surplus candidates are encouraged to apply. Appointment is subject to SRDA/State surplus policies. Surplus candidates must submit a copy of their surplus status letter. All applicants must meet the minimum qualifications of the classification. All methods of appointments, including Training & Development (T&D) Assignments will be considered and a 120 day candidate pool will be established for subsequent vacancies. Minimum Qualifications for the RPS I or II are available here: http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/pages/5742.aspx

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