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YOUR RSA IS GROWING AGAIN! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Your Rural Schools Association is growing! For the past year and a half, your RSA has focused on building a highly visible and influential advocacy program on behalf of our rural school districts and the communities they serve. We've made remarkable progress, but we can't stop now! Charles Barkley recently said "we didn't come this far just to come this far!" That's how we feel about RSA's service to our members.

While we've been building our advocacy program, we've maintained the programs and services we've always provided. We've partnered with top notch service providers to make sure you had access to the best superintendent searches, merger and consolidation studies, strategic planning and innovative student therapies. We've also improved the Center for Rural Schools, the best data site that allows you to evaluate your district across a broad spectrum of categories, including the ability to predict future student performance and economic trends.

Now your RSA is growing again! We're looking for a Deputy Director that will work out of our Cornell University office, helping coordinate our efforts, working with students on rural school research and most importantly, collaborating with the university and other members of the Community and Regional Development Institute (CaRDI) to produce timely, relevant and helpful information for you.



The new RSA Deputy Director needs to have knowledge of public education, the ability to work within the academic community and most importantly, a genuine concern for our rural schools and the students they serve! We've listed the job description below and a link to the application site. If you know of someone you think would make a real difference for rural schools, please be sure they see this!

As always, thank you for all you do for rural education!

All the best,

David Allan Little, Esq.

Executive Director

Rural Schools Association Deputy Executive Director & RSP Extension Associate

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RSA DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & RSP EXTENSION ASSOCIATE - CORNELL OFFICE

- ◆ Serve as the Rural Schools Association's (RSA) primary liaison to Cornell University and the university's Rural Schools Program (RSP).
- ◆ Explore ways in which the RSP can contribute to and benefit from interactions with CaRDI, the NYS Center for Rural Schools, and other Cornell faculty/departments/ programs.
- ◆ Coordinate and collaborate with faculty (e.g., Prof. Sipple) and Cornell students (hourly wage, interns, and for credit) to generate and publish research, analyses and data relevant to the RSA and its membership. This would include website material, social media, CaRDI and NYCRS publications (Communique, NYMinute) and training opportunities for RSA members.
- ◆ Be primarily responsible for the planning of the RSP Summer Conference, including coordinating the work of the Conference Planning Committee, vendor participation, scheduling of presentations, hotel negotiations, marketing, etc. (in consultation with the RSA Executive Director)
- ◆ Represent RSP at all meetings of the Board of Directors of the RSA, keep minutes of those meetings and those of the Executive Committee of the RSA (to enable fluid coordination of the respective activities of RSP and RSA.)
- ◆ Assist the Executive Director of RSA as needed.
- ◆ Coordinate RSP meetings with state legislative and regulatory leaders, to inform them of the implications of state proposals and to bring new information/research to the attention of these leaders.
- ◆ This position, being an Extension Associate at Cornell University, will be supervised by Prof. John Sipple in consultation with the Executive Director of the RSA.

Anticipated Division of Time

40% Outreach, 30% research, 30% Admin. This includes interactions with RSA member districts, conference planning, partnering in research activities to the benefit of Cornell, CaRDI, and the RSA (students, faculty, members, state government).

Required Qualifications and Experiences

- ◆ Masters degree or an advanced professional degree
- ◆ Professional experience in public school settings
- ◆ Good analytic, written, and verbal skills

Desired Qualifications and Experiences

- ◆ Doctoral degree
- ◆ Administrative experience in a public school
- ◆ Experience designing and conducting applied research
- ◆ Strong attention to detail and budget experience

Supervision Exercised

- ◆ This position will work closely with the RSP support staff person and faculty contacts (e.g., Prof. John Sipple). There will be no supervision exercised over these people.
- ◆ This position will work closely in identifying and partnering with students (undergraduate and graduate) and exercise supervision over the student projects in conjunction with faculty oversight.

Position is .6 to .8 FTE (24-32 hours per week)

Salary range: \$40-51K annual equivalent based on experience and qualifications.

Location – Office is located within the Development Sociology Department at Cornell University

How to Apply:

Please send application materials such as cover letter, resume/CV to John Sipple, jws28@cornell.edu

Link to job announcement at Cornell University available [here](#).



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