

Economic Development Research Specialist
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Little Rock, Arkansas

The College of Business at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) 's Institute for Economic Advancement (IEA) is accepting applications for an economic development researcher.

Primary responsibilities include directing the Institute's technical assistance activities in support of Arkansas' community and economic development efforts. Specific technical assistance projects will depend on the candidate's expertise, but may include retail studies, community socio-economic assessments, wage and salary analyses, applications of geographic information systems, business retention and expansion analysis, and/or strategic planning assistance. Position requires frequent interaction with local economic developers, business leaders, elected officials, and government agency personnel is expected in order to effectively market and deliver IEA's services. Additional responsibilities include participation in developing grants and contracts and teaching in IEA's Economic Development Education Program. Duties may also include assisting the IEA director with coordinating Federal Economic Development Administration activities.

Qualifications for the position of Economic Development Research Specialist include a minimum of a Masters Degree, at least 5 years of experience in applied economic development research/technical assistance, and experience working with economic development agencies, localities, and consultants. Though not required, designation as a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) is a plus. The successful candidate will possess demonstrated competence in economic development technical assistance, experience in team projects, a record of contract and/or grant generation, the ability to teach in his or her specialty areas, and strong interpersonal and communications skills.

IEA is a university applied research and outreach center with a staff of more than 40 employees and has a successful history of performing unbiased research for the state/federal agencies and businesses. IEA is the primary source of research and information to support economic development in the State of Arkansas. For more information about the institute visit <http://www.iea.ualr.edu/>. The appointment will be on a full-time permanent 12-month basis with a competitive salary and excellent benefits. The review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

The application should include a cover letter, resume, and names and contact information of three references, who will be contacted by IEA when applicants reach the finalist stage.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Chair, Search Committee
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