

Director of Research for the KSU CARES Programs and  
(open rank) Professor  
Kennesaw State University

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**Job Title** Director of Research for the KSU CARES Programs  
and (open rank) Professor

**Department** Campus Awareness, Resource & Empowerment  
Services

**Institution** Kennesaw State University  
Kennesaw, Georgia

**Date Posted** Feb. 5, 2021

**Application Deadline** Open until filled

**Position Start Date** Available immediately

**Job Categories** Director/Manager

**Academic Field(s)** Research

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**Job Description**

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Kennesaw State University is now accepting applications for an open-rank tenured or tenure track position as Director of Research for the university's innovative Campus Awareness, Resource & Empowerment Services (CARES) programs. The Director will also hold a faculty appointment, with their home department residing in one or more of the following colleges within the university: the Bagwell College of Education, the Radow College of Humanities and Social Science, or the Wellstar College of Health and Human Services. Rank is determined at the time of hire and will be commensurate with experience. This is a nine-month academic position with summer support negotiable.

The mission of CARES is to provide access to food, temporary housing, and other supportive services

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to foster students' realization of a healthy, stable, and dignified life academically and professionally. Furthermore, to serve as a model of professional excellence and effectiveness by upholding core values of social justice, equity, economic sustainability, and mutual partnership.

The Director of Research for the CARES programs, which serves both KSU students and the broader metro-Atlanta community, will have a central leadership role in positioning KSU as a hub of collegiate programming specifically targeting vulnerable populations in need of assistance, e.g., financial, food, and/or housing, etc.

To facilitate this role, the successful candidate will have an up to 25% administrative appointment to KSU CARES.

The KSU CARES Director of Research will lead research initiatives aimed at evaluating and disseminating evidence-based practices related to CARES. The candidate will also be expected to secure external funding for efficacy and effectiveness evaluation of the CARES programs, followed by the pursuit of external funding to conduct dissemination and implementation research to be able to expand the programs more broadly. This research is in support of KSU's goal to be student-focused and research-driven and to be a top tier R2 University producing research with relevance that creates and refines knowledge that is aligned to real-world applications.

The candidate will also maintain their own dynamic research program related to community engagement and/or support of vulnerable populations, and teach and develop university courses in their discipline. The candidate will be a faculty member with strong leadership and entrepreneurial skills who strives for excellence in teaching, professional, and scholarly achievements in their area of expertise. Service to the department, college, and/or institution will be required, while service to the professional community will be strongly encouraged.

Candidates must have an earned terminal degree or its foreign equivalent in either social work, public health, social and behavioral science, education, public or nonprofit administration or policy, or a related field. Candidates must also have a strong research agenda, including evidence or promise of success in obtaining external funding; experience teaching courses in, or related to, their field of expertise. For tenure consideration, the successful candidate must hold tenure and/or possess experience and achievements sufficient to qualify for tenure.

Qualified candidates should show evidence of:

(1) commitment to diversity, equity, and social justice, and (2) teaching experience and research related to the mission of KSU CARES. They should have demonstrated competence in study design

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(including program evaluation), data analysis, grant writing, and research scholarship.

Preferred candidates should (1) possess an earned doctoral degree or its foreign equivalent, (2) demonstrate a consistent track record of securing and administering external grants and contracts, and (3) show evidence of a commitment to collaboration with faculty, staff, students and community partners.

For more than 50 years, Kennesaw State University has been known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community. Offering campuses in Marietta and Kennesaw, the university is located just north of Atlanta and combines a suburban setting with access to one of the country's most dynamic cities. As Georgia's third-largest university, Kennesaw State offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a growing number of doctoral programs.

Designated by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a comprehensive university, Kennesaw State is committed to becoming a world-class academic institution positioned to broaden its academic and research missions and expand its scope on a local, regional and national level.

For a full description of this position, application deadlines, and application procedures, visit [https://facultyaffairs.kennesaw.edu/faculty\\_openings.php](https://facultyaffairs.kennesaw.edu/faculty_openings.php).

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