THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING JOB DESCRIPTION

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The following statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of personnel so classified.

Title: INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ANALYST II

Reports To: Office of Institutional Analysis

UW Job Code: 7322

UW Job Family: 32 – Administrative Support

SOC Code: 13-1111

FLSA: Exempt
Pay Grade: 23
Date: 7-2-20

JOB PURPOSE:

Under limited supervision, research, compile, interpret, and disseminate institutional data and other information to internal and external constituents for the reporting needs of UW to support administrative planning, decision-making, research objectives and relevant regulations. Maintain information systems, databases and processes to support institutional activities. Perform research, design, execute and evaluate wide-ranging analytical and statistical studies.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Formulate and prepare official institutional information for internal and/or external queries and
 requests for institutional data and statistics on a wide range of issues, including university
 information, student characteristics (enrollment, degrees, retention, etc.), faculty characteristics,
 employment/benefits, financial information and projections.
- Prepare and communicate the results of analytical studies tailoring quantitative research results for a variety of audiences.
- Collaborate and coordinate a wide variety of university responses to national surveys.
- Perform and/or advise on data transformation, statistical analysis of data, and interpretation of results.
- Participate in the development and implementation of a broad range of research assessment, program review, enrollment management, and accreditation processes, as appropriate to the objectives of the position; provide technical support, and facilitate the integration of processes and findings into institutional planning and decision-making.
- May develop and maintain longitudinal databases and information warehouses, verifying accuracy
 and consistency over time, in the context of evolving requirements regarding reporting institutional
 information.
- Prepare or coordinate research reports using varied data resources for presentation, print, and/or electronic distribution.

- Gather business requirements across campus to facilitate the delivery of strategic dashboards for the campus.
- Research and write documentation for projects and processes.
- Work with other institutional committees and staff to coordinate work and provide technical assistance, as assigned.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNCTIONS:

- Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned.
- Attend and participate in training and other professional development activities.
- Participate in performance-related goal setting and achievement to meet personal and organizational goals and objectives.
- May represent department professionally through collaborative participation on internal and external
 committees/groups through appropriate presentation of data and research to a variety of internal
 and external audiences including executive leadership, consultants, faculty, staff and students, as
 assigned.

COMPETENCIES:

- Attention to Detail
- Technical/Professional Knowledge
- Collaboration
- Quality Orientation
- Judgment
- Innovation
- Analysis/Problem Identification

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Bachelor's degree

Experience: At least 3 years work-related experience

Required licensure, certification, registration or other requirements: None

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of:

- Higher education planning methods, processes, systems, reporting, and databases.
- Understand the current landscape of higher education to provide context and interpretation for data/research.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, both orally and in writing, resulting in the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Ability to investigate and analyze information and draw conclusions based on research data and findings.
- Proficiency with programming and/or other software used to manipulate, summarize, and produce reports from multiple, large, complex data sets.

- Ability to analyze data, utilize visualization techniques, and generate reports for large-scale data systems, definitions, and procedures.
- Skill in the use of personal computers and related software applications.
- Knowledge of statistical data collection, analysis, tracking, and reporting systems, methods, and techniques.
- Ability to design and administer computer programs to answer institutional inquiries.
- Ability to interpret and apply statistical principles and processes to meet a range of information requirements.
- Broad knowledge of database applications.
- Broad knowledge of spreadsheet, word processing, presentation and graphics applications.
- Ability to translate technical information into user-friendly documentation.
- Ability to meet multiple and conflicting project timelines and objectives.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- May be required to work a flexible schedule, including nights, weekends, and holidays.
- Work is normally performed in a typical interior/office work environment.
- No or very limited exposure to physical risk.
- No or very limited physical effort required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

The Institutional Research Analyst classification series is used within the Office of Institutional Analysis and consists of three levels. To progress from one level to the next, the employee will have demonstrated acceptable performance at previous career ladder levels.

Institutional Research Analyst I: Entry-level position

This is the first level of a three-level series. This level is distinguished from the next higher level by working from well-defined guidelines under the supervision of a higher-level research analyst or supervisor. Work is reviewed for accuracy and completeness. Employees assist in all aspects of an analytical study from gathering information to drafting a final report. There is an absence of responsibility for projects requiring advanced data analysis and policy considerations. Progression from the IRA I to IRA II requires at least three years of experience in a data analysis-related field and has demonstrated proficiency in all essential duties.

Institutional Research Analyst II: Professional level position

This is the second level of a three-level series. This level is distinguished from the lower level by having responsibility for projects that require advanced understanding of data and planning while under the general supervision of a higher-level research analyst or supervisor. This level is distinguished from the higher level by the absence of responsibility for planning new projects, initiating and devising procedures for special research projects, and providing team leadership to lower-level analysts in performing research activities. Employees in this class work with a higher level of technical expertise and substantial independent

judgment. Progression from an IRA II to an IRA III typically requires at least four years of working at the IRA II level. Incumbents should demonstrate proven ability in all functions and competencies.

Institutional Research Analyst III: Senior-level position

This is the third level of a three-level series. This level is distinguished from the lower levels by increased responsibility for initiating and developing new projects, devising research procedures, providing team leadership, advanced technical expertise and managing projects independently. At this level, employees are involved in major issues analysis, and serve regularly as consultants to top management and administration.

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Employees may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this description. Participating in the University's hazardous waste minimization program is part of the job of each employee who uses (or may come in contact with) hazardous materials. Fair Labor Standards Act (exempt/non-exempt) is designated by position. University of Wyoming actively supports Americans with Disabilities Act and will consider reasonable accommodations.