

Senior Research Fellow

Strada Education Network is currently looking for a Senior Research Fellow to help lead Strada Institute for the Future of Work. The Senior Research Fellow will engage in research on the future of learning and work for adult learners and identify opportunities for innovation, investment, and reform. This person will help effectively communicate ideas to policymakers, educators, entrepreneurs, employers, the media, and other key audiences by writing compelling papers, commissioning new work, and holding public events. This position will report to the Managing Director of the Institute.

At Strada Institute for the Future of Work, we want to know what learners will need as they face rapidly changing labor market demands and have to retool themselves for the future. We're not in the business of predicting the future, as forecasting is an imperfect science. What we can do is understand the implications of the literature and thinking out there in order to synthesize how various stakeholders may begin investing now in architecture, systems, and infrastructure needed to design and build the learning ecosystem of the future.

Responsibilities:

- Research and report on a wide array of issues related to technology, innovation, the future of postsecondary education and skills development, with a special emphasis on adult learners
- Author briefs, reports, infographics, and other documents for the general public, institutions, employers, policymakers, the media, and other stakeholders
- Convene stakeholders to explore opportunities and challenges of alternative education pathways and catalyzing promising, new pathways between students and employers
- Contribute content to our blogging, op-eds, and white papers
- Be a public representative for the Institute at external events, including panels, conferences, and symposia
- Develop relationships with other organizations and experts working on similar issues
- Develop, pitch, and execute original project ideas. Some of this work will be individual, and some will involve collaborating with external organizations

Qualifications:

- At least five years of education or workforce development experience required
- Knowledge of higher education policy, innovation, and workforce development a plus
- Experience conducting research and analyzing quantitative and qualitative information
- Strong writing and editing skills—candidates should be able to communicate ideas clearly and concisely for public audiences.
- Excellent organizational skills—candidates should have the ability to prioritize work and manage time on multiple projects and tasks to meet deadlines
- Strong quantitative and analytical skills a plus, including knowledge of higher education data sources, comfort with using statistical analysis software, and knowledge of

appropriate methods. Ability to synthesize many kinds of information and data sources is vital

- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and collaboratively—candidates should be self-motivated, but also enthusiastic team players open to feedback and collaboration
- Keen attention to detail
- Curiosity, eagerness, and ability to develop new skills
- Inclined to think independently and challenge conventional wisdom in connecting education and work
- Some travel required
- **Competency using a variety of computer software: including Excel, Word, PowerPoint and databases such as IPEDS, Emsi, STATA, Tableau etc.**

Preferred Education: Master's degree

Qualified individuals should email their resumes to: terri.shea@stradaeducation.org.