**2019 Summer Fellowship with ILR's Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability in NYC**

The mission of the *K. Lisa Yang and Hock E. Tan Institute on Employment and Disability* (YTI) is to advance knowledge, policies and practice to enhance equal opportunities for all people with disabilities. To accomplish this, the Yang-Tan Institute partners with federal, state, and philanthropic organizations on projects involving workplace inclusion and employment, income, education, healthy living, community membership, engaged learning, and more.

YTI is providing a research fellowship for summer 2019 in New York City. As a member of the YTI team, the chosen Fellow will conduct research and assist YTI faculty and staff. This is a paid, full-time fellowship in NYC and will last approximately 8 weeks from June through the end of July.

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***Reentry for Justice-Involved Youth with Developmental Disabilities***

The Summer Fellow will help Yang-Tan Institute (YTI) extension faculty develop topics on the intersectionality of disability, juvenile justice involvement, and future work outcomes. Youth with disabilities are overrepresented in school discipline and juvenile justice, and this important work focuses on efforts to: (a) prevent justice involvement for youth with developmental disabilities, and (b) facilitate re-entry for youth with developmental disabilities who are involved in the justice system. The Fellow will provide assistance on a new grant that YTI is starting in April 2019. The Fellow will work with extension faculty Dr. LaWanda Cook and Dr. Matthew Saleh to develop a landscape analysis of state-level transition practices and interagency coordination for youth involved in the justice system. The fellowship will offer opportunities to develop research and writing skills, and will culminate in a final publication of the national landscape analysis.

Working closely with Dr. Cook and Dr. Saleh, the student will first develop a spreadsheet template, to be populated with laws, best practices, research literature, and other information for all U.S. states and territories. Entries will focus on state-level practices for ensuring continuity, case management, and re-entry to school, community, and work for youth with developmental disabilities who became involved in the justice system. Additional content will include information about state-level efforts to prevent justice involvement for this population, and interagency collaboration and coordination efforts across systems (e.g., education, juvenile justice, corrections, parole, foster care, vocational rehabilitation). Using this information, the student will then work with Drs. Cook and Saleh to develop the landscape analysis, incorporating research findings from the spreadsheet into a detailed national analysis of common best practices, gaps in the literature, and recommendations for future work.

**Qualifications:**

* Experience with web-based, scholarly, or legal research and writing
* Interpersonal skills and the ability to work as a member of a high-performing team
* Ability to work independently
* Academic coursework in the area of disability law and policy or incarceration policy
* Interest in learning about issues relating to disability, juvenile justice, incarceration, and/or rehabilitation

**Submission:**

* Students need to send application, resume, and writing sample to Matthew Saleh (mcs378@cornell.edu) and Kate MacDowell (kkm74@cornell.edu) **by Friday, March 22, 2019**.
* If you have any questions, please contact Kate MacDowell YTI Executive Assistant, via email kkm74@cornell.edu or phone 607-255-7727.
* Students are responsible for their housing accommodations in New York City.

APPLICATION

**ILR Undergraduate Summer 2019 Research Fellows Program**

**YANG-TAN INSTITUTE ON EMPLOYMENT AND DISABILITY**

Name:

E-mail Address:

Campus Address:

Campus Telephone:

Year at ILR (check one): Sophomore Junior

 Freshman

**Professor who will supervise you:** Matthew Saleh (NYC), LaWanda Cook (Ithaca)

**Project Title:** Intersectionality of Justice-Involved Youth, Disability, and Rehabilitation

**Application is for:** Summer 2019

Students who wish to propose independent research activities (Summer Research Fellows only) should attach to this application the following below:

* a brief (one or two page) description of the topic they wish to study and how they plan to address this topic;
* a brief statement indicating why they want to do an independent study;
* a letter supporting the application from their faculty advisor, including a statement of why this student is especially deserving of support; and
* a copy of the student’s transcript (through the fall semester of 2018).

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