

Assistant or Associate Professor of Child and Family Studies  
Early Childhood Education  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Position:**

The Department of Child and Family Studies (CFS) at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, invites applications for an early childhood education (birth-8), tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. The position will begin in August, 2014. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in early childhood curriculum, policy, and/or the needs of diverse learners. Direct experience in early childhood classrooms is highly desirable. The department supports an ecological and interdisciplinary perspective on early education and seeks a candidate whose on-going research and teaching will strengthen the ECE program and the CFS department. Successful candidates will be expected to demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of multiple methods of scholarship in the area of early childhood education and/or teacher education. Successful candidates will be expected to pursue an active research agenda, including seeking funding from competitive federal and private agencies, in addition to participating in the Department's undergraduate and graduate advising and teaching programs and in particular, the Early Childhood Teacher Licensure tracks. Experience working in an interdisciplinary environment is desirable. Candidates must have an earned doctorate degree in Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Child Development, or a closely related field. Candidates must be able to demonstrate their ability to perform at the rank being considered. The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Programs:**

The Department of Child and Family Studies (CFS) is an interdisciplinary department in the NCATE-Approved College of Education, Health, and Human Services. The CFS department's main area of focus is: development in context, particularly with children and families at risk. The CFS department currently consists of 25 faculty, adjunct faculty, and staff who supervise and teach approximately 220 undergraduate CFS majors and 44 CFS graduate students. To learn more about the CFS Department, please visit: <http://cfs.utk.edu/>. The CFS undergraduate program has three tracks: Community Outreach, Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure at the Pre K-3 level, and Early Development and Learning Teacher Licensure at the Pre K-K level. For more information about the CFS undergraduate program, please visit: <http://cfs.utk.edu/ug/>. The CFS graduate program includes M.S. and Ph.D. programs. The M.S. program has two tracks: Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure at the Pre K-3 level, and Research/Community Outreach. To learn more about the CFS graduate programs, please visit: <http://cfs.utk.edu/grad/>. The CFS department prepares students for careers in both public and private domains that focus on children, youth, families, and early learning. The CFS department is home to the Early Learning Center for Research and Practice (ELC), which is a state of the art inclusive laboratory school. The ELC is an exceptionally high quality care and learning environment for infants and young children (infants through kindergarten), pre-service teachers, and researchers. For more information about the ELC, please visit: <http://elc.utk.edu/>.

Located near the beautiful Smoky Mountains, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UT Knoxville) was founded in 1794 and is one of the oldest public universities in the country. UT Knoxville is a vibrant and diverse urban campus, located in the heart of Knoxville. UT Knoxville is the flagship campus for the UT system and has the Carnegie Classification of Research University (Very High Research Activity). For more information about UT and Knoxville, please visit: <http://www.utk.edu/aboutut/>.

Review of applications will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> and continue until the position is filled. Applicants for the position should send a letter of application, a detailed curriculum vitae, one sample article/manuscript, and the names and contact information for three references to: Hillary Fouts, Search Committee Chair, c/o [scarlett@utk.edu](mailto:scarlett@utk.edu). In the subject line of the email, please include “CFS ECE Search.” Electronic submissions of applications are preferred; paper applications may be sent to Hillary Fouts, Search Committee Chair, Department of Child and Family Studies, 115 JHB, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-1912; (865) 974-5316. Please use the following reference number on the application: EHS8-12/13-F83

*All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admissions without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.*

*Eligibility and other terms and conditions of employment benefits at The University of Tennessee are governed by laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee, and this non-discrimination statement is intended to be consistent with those laws and regulations.*

*In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, The University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the University.*

*Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), ADA (disability), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865) 974-2498 (V/TTY available) or 974-2440. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.*