Job Title: Postdoctoral Scholar, NERCRD
Department: Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
                    College of Agricultural Sciences
Campus: UP

The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD) is located in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education within Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. Our mission is to work on a range of issues with land grant universities and other partners in the Northeast as well as nationally in support of regional economic growth and rural development. The Center has a strong track record of publishing peer-reviewed articles.

The NERCRD seeks applications for two one-year post-doc positions, with good chances of renewal subject to funding. Each post-doc will be responsible for conducting economic and statistical analyses on a wide range of rural development topics, as determined by the Center's emerging needs and priorities. There is a strong expectation that this research will contribute both to the science base as well as to informing U.S. rural economic development policy. Importantly, the opportunity exists to work with Penn State's Census Data Center. Examples of topics to be studied range from policy impact assessments (including the impact of farm subsidies, agritourism activities and extension education); to the interdependence of rural and urban areas, as well as agricultural and non-agricultural industries; to the determinants of local economic well-being and health.

The Center offers a competitive salary along with benefits, and the opportunity to collaborate with scholars in the region, nationally, and internationally. Opportunities also exist for attending conferences to support networking activities.

Qualifications: Candidates should have extensive training in state-of-the-art economics or a related field and econometric analysis, including spatial statistics, as well as excellent communication and writing skills. Candidates should also have extensive experience with a variety of statistical packages. Candidates need to be able to work well independently and also to function effectively in a team setting. Applicants are required to have a Ph.D. or equivalent doctorate in an appropriate field and be able to provide evidence that all requirements have been met for completion of this degree prior to the effective date of hire. This position requires that you operate a motor vehicle as a part of your job duties. A valid driver's license and successful completion of a motor vehicle records check will be required in addition to standard background checks. Screening of applications will begin July 8, 2020 and the position will remain open until filled.