

Vice President, Research Insights & Relationships

Purpose

Strada Education NetworkSM is a national social impact organization dedicated to improving lives by forging clearer and more purposeful pathways between education and employment. The Network engages partners across education, nonprofits, business and government to focus relentlessly on students' success throughout all phases of their working lives. We do this through:

- Research that yields new insights into how postsecondary education can adapt to best meet the needs of learners.
- Philanthropy and investments that seed promising, evidence-based strategies, especially for helping low-income Americans.
- A network of affiliate organizations developing on-the-ground solutions for the needs of learners and educational institutions.

Strada is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, with nearly 1,000 employees nationwide, including its Washington, D.C. office and affiliate locations.

Position Summary

Through research insights, partnership, and philanthropy, Strada Impact works to advance practices, programs, and policies that increase learner success. We work to advance postsecondary education pathways that deliver on the promise of upward economic mobility and improved quality of life. We center our efforts on improving outcomes for those individuals and communities that American postsecondary education has historically found it challenging to serve effectively.

The Vice President, Research Insights & Relationships, will contribute in multiple ways as they inform and pursue Strada Impact's goals by turning strategic research and insights into action by others within the field. They will have management responsibility for internal and external relationships while ensuring initiatives, projects, and workflows are coordinated and quality and timing expectations are met. Significant experience in postsecondary education and the ability to develop and communicate compelling evidence-based insights are viewed as essential. The person will engage with higher education leaders, policymakers, advocates, innovators, funders, and employers while also directing internal workflow.

This position reports directly to Strada Impact's Senior Vice President with responsibility for research, actively collaborating on initiatives with Strada Impact colleagues and across the organization.

Responsibilities

- Contribute to the development and implementation of strategic vision and plan.
- Manage initiatives, projects, and workflow.
- Cultivate and manage internal and external relationships with leading partners and organizations in the postsecondary education and workforce community.
- Develop and communicate actionable research-based strategic insights for improving postsecondary education from Strada's ongoing research.
- Contribute to the development, measurement and monitoring of progress toward strategic organizational goals.
- Represent Strada Impact and its work in executive level leadership discussions, communications, and in public speaking engagements.
- Author content and communications for postsecondary education and workforce audiences.
- Other duties, tasks, and special projects as required.
- Some overnight travel required.

Education and Experience

- Masters, Ed.D, Ph.D. or equivalent experience

Required Skills/Abilities

- A successful track record of building relationships including strong interpersonal communication and leadership skills, with the ability to build consensus on large, long-term strategic initiatives and sustain progress on these initiatives.
- At least ten years of experience working in higher education practice, policy, innovation, and workforce development. Significant work experience inside a higher education institution is strongly preferred.
- Curiosity, eagerness, and ability to develop new knowledge and skills.
- Excellent organizational skills—with the ability to prioritize work and manage time and people on multiple projects and tasks to meet deadlines.
- Strong oral and writing skills—candidates should be able to communicate strategic insights clearly and concisely for internal and external public audiences.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively—candidates should be motivated, enthusiastic team players open to giving and receiving feedback and active engagement with colleagues.
- Successful team and project management.

- Prior experience conducting research and analyzing quantitative and qualitative information is valued.

Physical Requirements

- Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.

Security is Everyone's Responsibility

In order to protect Strada's personnel, affiliates, customers, assets and mission, security is the responsibility of every employee. To maintain security, employees are required to read, understand, and follow company security policies including but not limited to the WISP and Employee Handbook. In addition, security training supporting those policies is required at least annually.

Location: Offices in Washington, DC and Indianapolis, IN as well as team members working remotely throughout the country.

Qualified candidates should send their resume to: terri.shea@stradaeducation.org

Strada is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We respect and seek to empower each individual and support the diverse cultures, perspectives, skills and experiences within our workforce.