



JOIN A NEW GENERATION OF SCHOLARS

Co-design an individualized plan of study to meet your desired goals



FIND YOUR NICHE

Many academic backgrounds are compatible with HDFS, a multidisciplinary approach to understanding development and relationships in context.



PARTNER WITH AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

Collaborate with faculty mentors who have expertise in lifespan development, family science, health, and multiculturalism.



BECOME A COLLEAGUE

Engage in curriculum that provides immediate, hands-on opportunities for research, teaching, engagement, and service.



BUILD YOUR GLOBAL NETWORK

Connect with faculty and peers across research labs, present at national and international conferences, and tap into our alumni network.



BUILD SKILLS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- Research and teaching practica match your area of interest
- Assistantships provide funding and critical real-world training
- Student and professional organizations provide opportunities to network and serve
- Seminars develop professional skills

PREPARE FOR DIVERSE CAREERS

- Our graduates work in fields including academia, government, research and evaluation, non-profits, and human services.
- Professor (all levels)
 - Executive Director
 - Senior Research Associate
 - Research Director
 - Extension/Community Education Specialist

LEARN MORE

<https://hdfs.missouri.edu/phd.html>



Human Development
and Family Science
University of Missouri



“Mizzou HDFS has offered me many opportunities to work with children, to teach independently with effective mentorship, to enhance my research skills by involving me in research projects led by faculty members and by supporting me in conducting my own research.”

CHANG SU-RUSSELL | PhD 2018

*Assistant Professor
Department of Family & Consumer
Sciences, Illinois State University*



“Mizzou HDFS did an excellent job providing me experience in designing and running evaluations for several Mizzou Extension [outreach] programs. The chance to work with these programs allowed me to enter the job market with years of real-world dataset experience.”

RICHARD FEISTMAN | PhD 2014

*National Director of Evaluation
Teach Plus*



“Both the faculty and my graduate colleagues were brilliant and the learning environment was competitive in that it challenged each of us in a manner that allowed us to reach our various potentials. I am proud to call Mizzou HDFS home.”

ANTHONY JAMES | PhD 2012

*Associate Professor
Department of Family Science &
Social Work, Miami University*

REASONS TO CHOOSE **MIZZOU HDFS**

- * Competitive financial packages that support tuition, health insurance, and living stipends (up to \$55,000 annually)
- * More than \$100,000 disbursed annually in scholarships and fellowships
- * Award-winning mentorship by nationally-recognized faculty members
- * Built-in research and teaching opportunities
- * Collegial and supportive culture
- * Professional development opportunities
- * Access to state and national datasets
- * Exceptional post-graduation placement rate



Child Development Lab
On-campus school providing opportunities for research in early childhood development.



Center for Family Policy and Research
A hub for integration of research, policy, programming, and training.



WELCOME TO COLUMBIA

Consistently ranked as one of the best cities to live in the U.S., Columbia is a friendly and welcoming community, with a thriving downtown, diverse cultural events and festivals, variety of dining options, and abundance of outdoor recreational activities. Columbia is so much more than a college town!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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