Graduate Research Assistant Position Opening (Public Health, Social Work)
Fall 2020

Position Description

Department: Social Work, Public Health
Job Title: Graduate Research Assistant
Compensation: $13.80/hr (Master’s student); $15.00/hr (PhD student)
Commitment: 10-15 hours per week, fall semester 2020

Position Summary

Washington University's new Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration at the Institute for Public Health seeks a public health, social work, or social policy graduate student for a research assistantship during the fall of 2020. The work for this position will be conducted remotely.

The position is open to social work, public health, and social policy students at the Brown School. Duties assigned will depend on the selected student’s area of study. In general, the student will provide research assistance and possible interview support to the Center Director and Lead Researcher on one or more projects.

Possible projects the Center will be focusing on include: 1) understanding and addressing the needs of immigrants in St. Louis in the wake of COVID-19; 2) evaluating one-stop centers offering holistic care to survivors of sexual violence; and 3) improving approaches to the disclosure of gender-based violence among refugees and migrants in Mexico, Greece, and Kenya.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Desk research: Conduct literature reviews and background research as relevant to assigned projects; draft relevant research memos and analytical briefs as requested by Center Director and Center Manager; contribute to other pieces of research work as assigned.

2. Qualitative data collection and analysis: Support with qualitative data collection, transcription, and coding as relevant to the project (eg, interview participation, transcribing interviews, translating data into English, data storage, data coding); assist in data analysis and write-ups as assigned.

3. Communications and dissemination: Write short blog or other media pieces on research topic(s) and/or on the work of relevant experts to engage lay audiences and disseminate Center work; assist with other
research dissemination efforts and communications pieces as requested (eg, through social media, website, press, and other channels).

4. Support other Center activities as requested, such as editing and design support, general programmatic and project administration tasks, virtual event planning, and outreach efforts.

Minimum Experience / Requirements

- In-progress master’s or PhD degree in social work, public health, or social policy
- Excellent desk research and writing skills (eg, country conditions research, conducting literature reviews with academic and grey literature)
- Qualitative research experience, such as interviewing, data collection and coding, transcription, and/or data translation
- Excellent communication skills
- Highly organized with uncompromising attention to detail
- Demonstrated experience with cross-cultural competence and working with partners from diverse backgrounds
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office required
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Interest in human rights, gender, and migration issues, especially as they pertain to the relevant projects

Preferred Experience

- Fluency in Spanish highly desired. Fluency in one or more of the following languages may also be relevant: Arabic or French
- Knowledge of refugee and migration issues in Latin America (especially Central America and Mexico), the U.S., the European Union, and/or Africa (especially North Africa and East Africa)
- Experience writing and editing qualitative research reports, essays, or other types of academic writing
- Experience writing policy briefs, blogs, or other materials that make academic research accessible to a wider audience
- Experience with social media and communications highly desired
- Knowledge of Adobe Illustrator and/or InDesign highly desired

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter (including name of one Brown School faculty reference), resume, unofficial transcript, and academic writing sample (please select no more than a 5-page piece or extract) to: centerforhumanrights@wustl.edu. Applications due August 20, 2020 at 11:59pm.