Graduate Research Assistant Position Opening  
Spring to Summer 2021

**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, March - August 2021

**Position Summary**

Washington University’s Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration at the Institute for Public Health seeks a graduate student for a research assistantship during the spring and summer of 2021. The work for this position will be conducted remotely.

The position is open to current public health, social work, and social policy students at Washington University’s Brown School (Master’s or PhD). Graduate students from other schools with experience in quantitative data analysis are also welcome to apply. The student will support the Center’s Director and Manager in designing and implementing an online survey targeting global networks of gender-based violence service providers working in humanitarian contexts. The student may also contribute to data analysis and drafting findings.

The online survey will gather insights about general and context-specific barriers and strategies to the disclosure and reporting of gender-based violence (GBV) in humanitarian settings (eg, refugee, internal displacement, and other emergency contexts). The survey is part of a larger project aiming to strengthen service providers’ approaches to safe, ethical, and effective GBV disclosure in various settings, including “virtual” service delivery, with the ultimate goal of improving refugees’ access to GBV support services and protection around the world.

**Primary Duties and Responsibilities**

1. **Desk research:** Conduct background research on adaptations of gender-based violence service delivery models in humanitarian contexts in light of the COVID-19; gather examples and summarize findings of existing surveys targeting GBV practitioners in humanitarian settings; identify and map key actors and networks; draft relevant research memos and analytical briefs as requested by Center Director and Manager.

2. **Survey design:** Work with Center Director and Manager to design a survey instrument aimed at understanding key barriers and strategies related to GBV disclosure in humanitarian settings in the
context of COVID-19; contribute to IRB protocol development and submission; build online survey in REDCap or similar software.

3. Quantitative data collection and analysis: Develop a recruitment and outreach plan; disseminate survey to identified networks and actors and monitor the collection quantitative data; clean and prepare survey data for analysis; analyze survey data and assist in write-ups as assigned.

**Minimum Experience / Requirements**

- In-progress Master’s or PhD degree
- Excellent desk research and writing skills (eg, literature reviews, research memo writing)
- Quantitative research experience, such as designing and building surveys, developing recruitment and survey dissemination strategies, collecting quantitative data, and experience with data management and analysis.
- Excellent written and verbal 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 with the following software packages: SAS/Stata/R/SPSS
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work remotely
- Knowledge of or interest in gender-based violence and refugee issues in international settings

**Preferred Experience**

- Fluency in other languages is an asset (particularly French and Spanish)
- Experience writing and editing 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

**To Apply:**

Please send a cover letter (including name of one WashU 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 March 21, 2021 at 11:59pm.*