

Graduate Assistantship for 2021-2022

Demography Focus

The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute invites applications for a graduate assistant position for the 2021-2022 school year.

The graduate assistant will work with the premier demographic team serving Utah. Applied research is determined by the Director of Demographic Research, and may cover a range of topics depending upon current needs and the successful candidate's skillset and interests. Potential topics include (but are not limited to) contemporary, historical, and projected demographic data from local and national sources such as the Utah Department of Health and U.S. Census Bureau; demographic change through birth, death, and migration processes; population characteristics such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and family living arrangements; small-area demography including geo-spatial patterns of residence, housing, and employment; policy arenas closely linked to demographics such as education, urban/rural development, poverty, diversity, and transportation; and the public communication of demographic research.

The position requires a 20-hour per week commitment during Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters. Compensation will be \$16,200 (\$8,100/semester) and up to a 100% tuition waiver. The tuition waiver does not cover special fees nor does it cover differential tuition. Other limitations may apply and we encourage students to discuss those with their advisor. Please note that this position is subject to approval by the university and or lifting the current hiring freeze.

The graduate assistant must be enrolled full-time (9-12 credit hours) for both semesters in a graduate degree program at the University of Utah. An excellent academic record and solid grounding in demographic concepts, data analysis, graphic communication, and communication of research results are desired. Graduate assistants must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the 2021-2022 academic year.

To apply, please submit the application, a resume, and a short writing sample (2-5 pages) by April 2, 2021 before 5:00 pm to:

Ms. Shannon Simonsen, Research Coordinator

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Application

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Graduate Degree Information

Graduate Degree Program:

Status (incoming student, 2nd year, 3rd year+)

Expected Date of Graduation:

Graduate GPA:

Undergraduate Information

Undergraduate Major:

Undergraduate Institution:

Undergraduate GPA:

Year of Graduation:

List undergrad/graduate courses taken/expected to be taken that relate to demographics:

Describe your experience and skill using relevant software for research, analysis, and presentation of results (eg. ArcGIS, Excel, Powerpoint, R, SPSS, SAS, Stata, database software, Tableau, etc.).

Describe why you are interested in learning about Utah's historical, current, and projected demographics.

Provide three professional or academic references:

Return your application, resume, and a 2-5 page writing sample

to: Ms. Shannon Simonsen, Research Coordinator

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