University of Massachusetts Amherst
On Campus Graduate Assistantship Vacancy Notice

Type of Appointment: Research Assistantship

Application Deadline: 10/22/2018

Job Description (No Clerical duties permitted):
Seeking UMass ADVANCE Research Assistant for Spring 2019

Research Assistant (RA) sought for spring semester 2019 for a qualitative research project that is part of a University-wide Institutional Transformation (IT) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) ADVANCE program. The purpose of NSF ADVANCE is to increase the participation and advancement of women faculty in science and engineering. The RA will work under the supervision of Joya Misra.

The goal of the specific research project is to assess how gender, race, and nationality, as well as field and rank, condition how faculty members experience the university, particularly with regard to opportunities for research collaboration, engagement in inclusive faculty communities, and shared decision-making. The findings will inform the interventions we will be carrying out as part of the larger ADVANCE-IT project.

The position will pay the GEO minimum salary for 20 hours per week. The start date will be no later than January 13, 2019 and end date no earlier than May 25, 2019. There is a possibility that the RA-ship may be continued in the 2019-2020 academic year for 20 hours per week.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter outlining relevant research training and experience, and a CV with the names of 2 faculty references to: misra@soc.umass.edu. Questions may also be directed to Joya Misra at the same address. Applications will be reviewed starting October 22, 2018, and will continue until the position is filled.

Experience Required:
The position will require experience with conducting, transcribing, and analyzing interview data. The RA will need to be able to collect relevant social science literature, develop annotated bibliographies and literature reviews, conduct interviews, transcribe and code interviews, and work collaboratively with Joya Misra and other members of the ADVANCE project team.
Candidates must also have proven qualitative research skills, and be able to work effectively on a collaborative research team.
Additional Information: There is a strong preference for doctoral student applicants for this RA position. The ideal candidate must have writing and literature reviewing skills, qualitative skills, and organizational and collaborative skills for working with a team, and be able to take the initiative and work independently. Familiarity with common qualitative analysis software (such as NVivo) is desirable; preference is for candidates whose research experience and goals align with the proposal project; familiarity with a range of social science methods for analyzing the literature is required.

Dates of Appointment: From 01/13/19 To 05/25/19

Hours/Wk 20 Stipend $28.59

How to Apply: Call ☐ In Person ☐ Submit Resume ☒

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