

Student Experience Graduate Student Assistantships (GSA)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 6, 2016 (see application instructions on p. 3)

Unit Description:

The mandate of the [Student Experience portfolio](#) is to encourage student engagement and to enhance overall student life at Western. The Student Experience umbrella encompasses Indigenous Services, Entrepreneurship Centre (Propel), Sports and Recreation, Student Development Centre, Student Success Centre, and the Wellness Education Centre, which operate together to create an environment in which students can thrive. Student Experience also collaborates closely with the University Students' Council, Society of Graduate Students, and other departments across campus.

For more information please visit <http://studentexperience.uwo.ca>.

GSA Description

Reporting to the Director of Research, Innovation and Evaluation, and working directly with and under supervision of relevant staff in the Student Experience Portfolio, the GSA will actively support research and assessment projects across the portfolio. With 6 formal research projects and a large number of quantitative and qualitative assessments (survey data, metrics, focus groups, case studies), the GSA will be working in a dynamic environment with exposure to research in a wide ranging of areas including:

- Health and wellness
- Academic Transitions
- Mental Health
- Sexual Violence Prevention and Education
- Leadership Development
- Career Development
- Indigenous Student Experiences

GSA Responsibilities:

- Data collection in the form of surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc.
- Data entry and coding
- Analysis of data using SPSS and MPlus
- Compiling findings into reports, presentations and other accessible communication tools
- Organizing and facilitating meetings
- Providing administrative support
- Other duties as assigned

Compensation and Working Hours:

The GSA will be compensated at a rate of \$18.00 / hour + 4% vacation pay.

The GSA will work up to a maximum of 10 hours per week, during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm).

Education:

- Actively completing a Graduate Degree (Masters or PhD level) at Western in areas related to:
 - Education / student development
 - Psychology
 - Data Management / Computer Science

Experience:

- Experience working on large-scale research data, statistics, and data analysis
- Experience working in a professional environment considered an asset
- Demonstrated experience communicating in writing and verbally in a professional environment

Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to effectively seek out, screen, and analyze data from a variety of sources
- Ability to organize and effectively summarize large quantities of information
- Understanding of professional communication
- Excellent time management skills and ability to manage multiple projects with sometimes conflicting deadlines
- Comfortable using Microsoft office suite (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook), with particular proficiency in Excel
- Strong knowledge of statistics
- Expertise in quantitative and qualitative data analysis
- Proficiency using SPSS analysis software considered an asset
- Experience using MPlus / conducting structural equation modelling based analyses preferred

Learning Outcomes:

During the course of this position, the student will:

- Gain valuable experience working in a professional environment
- Develop written and oral communication skills
- Refine qualitative and quantitative research skills
- Effectively mobilize and translate research findings in an applied setting
- Enhance critical thinking and analysis skills

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Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should send a Cover Letter and CV/Resume to Rick Ezekiel by **Friday, May 6, 2016**.

Contact:

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- Director of Research, Innovation and Evaluation
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