



Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration

INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant Positions Opening Summer 2024

Position Description

Department: Social Work, Public Health

Job Title: Summer Research Assistant

Compensation: \$13.25/hr (Undergraduate Student); \$15.25/hr (JD/ Masters Student); \$17.25/hr (PhD student)

Commitment: 20-30 hours per week for 9 weeks

Position Summary

Washington University's Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration at the Institute for Public Health seeks 1-3 students for a research assistantship during the summer of 2024.

The position is open to university students seeking a degree related to law, human rights, international affairs, gender studies, global studies, social work, or public health. Students will provide research assistance on a project that will provide insight and guidance to improve the response to conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV), as well as engage in projects about atrocity prevention, mitigation, and response. The project will identify and synthesize existing data related to CRSV and survivor-centered approaches through a scoping review. Findings from the review will be complemented with insights and consensus best practice from survivors, themselves. Project results will inform academic scholarship and US Department of State recommendations. Students will collaborate with the core research team and students from other disciplines.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. **Desk research**: Students will support a scoping review on CRSV approaches. Assignments may include seeking and analyzing academic literature and gray literature. They may also include research on conflict types, conflict-specific background, and response frameworks related to CRSV, survivor-centered approaches, early warning systems, and atrocity prevention. Students will share their findings in excel and other files, participate in regular debriefs with the research team, and potentially support a write-up of results.
2. **Qualitative data collection and analysis**: Support with remote qualitative data collection, transcription, and coding as relevant to the project (e.g., transcribing interviews, translating data into English, data storage, and data coding); assist in data analysis and write-ups as assigned.

3. Support other Center activities as requested: Support with general programmatic and project administration tasks, event planning, and outreach efforts.

Minimum Experience / Requirements

- An in-progress university-level degree related to law, human rights, international affairs, gender studies, global studies, public health, or social work from a recognized university in the U.S.
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Qualitative research experience, such as data collection, coding, transcription, and/or data translation
- English fluency and excellent communication skills, including the ability to summarize academic and grey literature for a non-specialist audience
- Demonstrated experience with cross-cultural competence and working with partners and teammates from diverse backgrounds
- Interest in human rights, gender, and migration issues, especially as they pertain to the project
- Exceptional organizational skills with uncompromising attention to detail
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office is required
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate promptly with team lead and seek clarification of assignments whenever needed

Preferred Experience

- Fluency in Spanish, French, and/or Arabic is highly desired
- Experience with Covidence or Dedoose
- Experience with analysis and summary of academic and grey literature, including systematic, scoping, or literature reviews
- 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 broader audience

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter (including the name and email of one 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 are due **May 15, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.**