Department of Residence Graduate Assistant for Assessment and Research
2015-2016

The mission of the Department of Residence is to further the academic mission of the university by providing services and promoting living/learning communities that stimulate, enhance, and extend the total learning experience. Graduate Assistants play a significant role in carrying out the mission of the Department of Residence.

An essential function of this position in the Department of Residence is to assist a Senior Research Analyst with gathering and analyzing assessment data through benchmarking, national, campus, departmental surveys, focus groups, and other appropriate methods. The position assists: 1) in administration of assessment surveys; 2) in providing routine reports regarding student academic success and their satisfaction with student housing and their student experience(s); 2) in evaluating Department of Residence’s programmatic and training goals as well as 3) in management of a student success program called Mapworks. This also entails assistance with preliminary and advanced data analyses related to Mapworks data, and preparation of reports that may help inform practice in assisting students to be successful at Iowa State. The Graduate Assistant for Assessment and Research also has multiple opportunities to serve on the Mapworks Assessment Subcommittee, to publish and/or present at conferences, and to collaborate with campus partners to provide information based on assessment/research analyses.

Qualifications

- Master’s degree required
- A doctoral student in Higher Education, Statistics, Sociology, Economics, or in related discipline
- Enrollment at Iowa State University as a degree-seeking doctoral student
- Strong experience using Microsoft Excel and SPSS (or a similar database)
- Experience working with data manipulation (e.g., uploading, downloading from both internal and external sources) and general knowledge of research techniques and methodology
- Good communication, organizational, writing skills
- Ability to work independently with general supervision

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience using a variety of computer applications to present data in visually engaging ways
- Experience using Mapworks or other early alert system

Remuneration

The Graduate Assistant for Assessment and Research is a 12 month appointment with a minimum monthly stipend of $1,870. Professional development funds available ($500) per fiscal year. Tuition support in accordance with the ISU Graduate School policies.

To apply: Please email a cover letter, resume (or CV), and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to: Aurelia Kollasch, Senior Research Analyst, Department of Residence, at aureliak@iastate.edu.