Research Assistant (RA)

Position
The RA will assist Dr. Juliann Sergi McBrayer in the Educational Leadership program, with research including scholarly practitioner and field-based research, grant writing, and writing and publishing scholarly work in peer-reviewed journals.

Responsibilities:
The RA will provide support for research activities related to grant writing and publication. Duties are likely to include data collection, data management, data analysis, writing, and preparation of literature reviews. The projects will relate to the development, implementation, and assessment of educational leadership and teacher preparation programs to ensure effectiveness and accountability; self-efficacy and purposeful, collaborative, and sustainable professional learning, specifically professional learning communities; school and higher education improvement through evidence-based practices and strong P-20 partnerships; and interdisciplinary collaboration with a goal to advance the field of educational school leadership to help prepare aspiring school leaders and further develop current school leaders. Weekly activities may include: collaborating on scholarly practitioner and field-based research; synthesizing current literature; analyzing both quantitative and qualitative data; developing tables and figures; writing and editing manuscripts; submission of final manuscripts and/or conference presentations as a co-author; responding to reviewer feedback; and other duties as assigned.

This position may be particularly appealing to graduate students interested in applied educational research.

Commitment: Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, 20 hours per week. Scheduling is flexible and some work can be completed off campus. Regular, scheduled meetings with the faculty supervisor are required.

Required Qualifications: Admission into a Georgia Southern graduate program. Strong writing skills are required. Prior experience with quantitative research and statistical analysis (using SPSS) and basic qualitative analysis is preferred. Interest and knowledge of writing literature reviews is strongly recommended as well as interest in grant development. The RA needs to have basic computer skills (e.g. Word, Excel, Power Point), be dependable, attentive to details, have a good understanding or desire to conduct applied research, have strong organizational skills, and be comfortable working independently as well as collaboratively.

Stipend
$10,000 collectively for fall 2019/spring 2020 for a 10-month appointment for the fall 2019 semester through to the spring 2020 semester and a full tuition waiver. Student is responsible for fees and books. Summer employment is a possibility.

Contact: Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Juliann Sergi McBrayer if additional inquiries are needed, at jmcbrayer@georgiasouthern.edu.

Application: A cover letter indicating interests and experience is required, as is a resume/CV. Both should be emailed to Dr. Juliann Sergi McBrayer. Submitted materials should speak directly to the responsibilities and qualifications described above. Interviews will be conducted immediately and until the position is filled.