**Department Description:** The Business Innovation Group (BIG), is seeking two graduate assistants for the Spring 2021 semester. The work of these GAs will be twofold:

- Providing technical assistance to entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities to assist in the economic recovery efforts from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic; assist with feasibility studies, resilience plans, market research, economic impact surveys and analysis; and providing other types of necessary technical assistance focused on helping communities recover from economic injury and foster vibrant economic ecosystems.
- Supporting or accelerating technology commercialization and entrepreneurship by assisting entrepreneurs in the establishment of companies to commercialize technology or innovative products and services, conducting targets commercialization of research, and/or by assisting in licensing and patenting activities for research, all aimed at the prevention of, preparation for, or response to the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s Degree required
- Preference given to students enrolled in the Parker College of Business or who have experience conducting and writing research projects
- Transportation to and from our office in downtown Statesboro is required; social distancing & remote work available; some in-person meetings with regional clients will be required
- Student must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours of coursework, unless enrolled in an exempt program outlined here: [https://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/graduate/graduate-studies/general-graduate-policies-procedures/enrollment/](https://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/graduate/graduate-studies/general-graduate-policies-procedures/enrollment/)

**Essential Skill Set:** Strong communication skills (both written and verbal), an interest in economic statistics and business data, the ability to multitask, willingness to take direction from clients or members of the research team. Must be able to work independently and as part of a team.

**Beneficial Skill Set:** Advanced knowledge or experience with Excel and Word; an interest in policy analysis, economic development, business development or entrepreneurship; understanding of programming concepts and networking concepts a plus

**Stipend & Time Required:** $775 per month; 20 hours per week

**To Apply:** Please send a resume and an individual writing sample (past coursework is preferred) to BIG Office Manager, Nancey Price at nprice@georgiasouthern.edu. No phone calls please. Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Our goal is to have students in place starting January 2021.