Graduate Assistantship

Position Title
Office for Sustainability Graduate Assistant

Description
The Western Michigan University Office for Sustainability (OfS) is seeking a Graduate Assistant (GA) to assist the OfS Leadership Team with data collection and storytelling about campus-wide sustainability actions.

Key Responsibilities
- Review existing WMU campus sustainability practices, records, and summary reports.
- Institutionalize annual campus data collection methodology, so that WMU can continuously collect, track, and publicly report the advancement of sustainability and the pursuit of carbon neutrality.
- Assemble data-rich information and student-generated infographics into approachable, compelling stories for all media platforms about WMU’s sustainability efforts and long-term progress.
- Maintain positive and supportive relationships with campus sustainability reporting contacts and experts.
- Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications
- Enrolled as a Resident in a WMU graduate level program Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 in good academic standing.
- Strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills.
- Excellent decision making, digital content organization, and problem-solving skills.

Desired Qualifications
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion.
- Passion for turning technical information and student-generated infographics into awesome stories.
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing sustainability on campus and beyond.

The Office for Sustainability assists WMU in meeting its sustainability commitments by creating a culture of sustainability and developing sustainability leaders throughout campus in order to continuously improve our policies and practices. A key commitment includes achieving carbon neutrality by the year 2065. Specific action areas include academic engagement, greenhouse gas emissions, energy, composting research, transportation, community sustainability incubation, and community resilience.

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**Hours and Compensation**

This Assistantship is “half-time” at 10 hours per week during Fall 2019 and Spring 2019 semesters. Financial support is limited to enrolled (minimum 6 credit hours each semester) WMU graduate students and is available for Academic Year 2019/2020 during Fall and Spring (no summer support). Tuition support is available at the standard in-state level (4.5 credit hours each semester).

**Start Date:**

Beginning of Fall 2019 semester.

**To Apply:**

1. Complete the application materials found here: [http://www.wmich.edu/sustainability/opportunities/graduate-doctoral-assistantships](http://www.wmich.edu/sustainability/opportunities/graduate-doctoral-assistantships)
2. Email application materials to wmu-sustainability@wmich.edu or send hard copies to 1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5286.
3. We are interviewing qualified candidates on a rolling basis beginning April 29. The position will remain open until filled.

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