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Graduate Research Assistant: Farm Labor Standards

Farm Labor Standards Study Center for Public Service

Position Summary

The Center for Public Service (CPS) is recruiting a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) to support a legislatively mandated study in accordance to the **HB 2548** examining the labor standards and working experiences of farmworkers in this state and evaluating the adequacy and availability of existing workplace protections for farmworkers. This research will be conducted in close collaboration with farmworker communities. The findings from this study will inform reports submitted to the corresponding state legislative committee.

Key Responsibilities

The GRA will work with CPS and the "research team" on all aspects of the study, which include project planning, data collection, and research dissemination.

Collaborate with multiple stakeholders, including community-based organizations, to ensure meaningful community engagement throughout the study.

Support with the development of survey, interview and focus group instruments, including translating the tools into Spanish and/or other Mesoamerican language.

Assist with data collection with interviews, focus groups, and surveys.

Contribute to data management and analysis.

Engage in data dissemination, including preparation of final reports for submission to the state legislature by the required deadlines

How to Apply: Please email a resume and cover letter

Submission Method: Email to publicservice@pdx.edu

Email Subject Line: Please use "Farm Labor Standards Study GRA" as the subject line.

Application Deadline: Reviewed on a rolling basis until positions have been filled

Qualifications

Academic Requirements: Admission to a graduate degree program at PSU, good academic standing, enrollment in at least 9 graduate credits each term.

Skills & Experience: Strong analytic, organizational, and interpersonal skills; strong writing skills; ability to work well in teams; skills in quantitative and qualitative research are strongly desired.

Other Requirements: Background in community engagement or familiarity with agricultural labor, farmworker issues, or labor rights are preferred.

Language: Bilingual or Trilingual in English, Spanish, and/or Mesoamerican language is required.

Preference given to candidates who will be eligible to be a GRA through the study, December 2026.

Position Details

Work Schedule: Admission to a graduate degree program at PSU, good academic standing, enrollment in at least 9 graduate credits each term.

Part-time weekly schedule negotiable depending on program requirements and funding; minimum FTE is .30 (12 hours/week); Some evening and weekend work may be required in order to carry out focus group tasks

Compensation: Monthly stipend, set by Graduate Employee Union contract - \$21.60/hr for academic year 2025-26, plus tuition remission for 9 graduate credits plus 100% of mandatory fees per term

Appointment Term: Fall 2025 to December 2026

Union Information: Administration of graduate assistantships is governed by the Graduate Employees Union Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Start Date: Estimated start date of November 3, 2025 (pending grant contract execution)