Position Announcement

Graduate Assistantship in Agricultural Communications & Journalism
Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2116

Position Description
Work with five faculty members in communications and journalism; assist with teaching undergraduate courses specifically related to communications theory, AP style, digital software and web applications, photography, public relations and audience research. The ability to communicate effectively with faculty, staff, and students in a large, dynamic department is required; flexibility to handle additional duties as assigned is a plus.

Qualifications
- Bachelor’s and/or master’s degree in agricultural communications, agricultural journalism, journalism, telecommunications, marketing, or closely-related field;
- Experience in the field of communications or journalism preferred;
- Three years of professional experience required for doctoral candidates;
- Understanding of research related to applied communications and journalism;
- Evidence of effective writing, presentation, and software skills;
- Must have completed at least one media writing course and one digital software (e.g., Adobe Creative Cloud) course;
- Must be fully admissible to graduate program.

Appointment and Starting Date
Position is a half-time appointment (20 hours), renewable each semester assuming satisfactory progress and available funding. Expected start date is January, June or August.

Salary and Benefits
Salary is commensurate with experience with starting salaries ranging from $1,284/month for master’s students to $1,650/month for doctoral students. Tuition may be waived in accordance with University policy. Graduate tuition waiver questions may be found at the OGS website at http://ogs.tamu.edu/current/tuition-waivers. Some benefits are provided.

Applications
Applicants must submit an assistantship application and include a letter of interest for the assistantship specifically detailing the qualifications listed above. Applications for assistantships require admission to Texas A&M University and the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications. This process requires the online application (http://www.applytexas.org). Graduate Record Exam scores, 3-5 letters of reference, statement of objective, official transcripts, and an interim major professor in the Department. Because these items must be submitted with the admission application, if already on file, there is no need to submit duplicates. The assistantship application is found on the ALEC web page at http://alec.tamu.edu/student-opportunities/assistantships/. Admission materials and assistantship application with letter of interest must be received by the Department no later than October 1 for the January start date or March 1 for the June or August start date. Decisions will be made in November and April.

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