

Assistantship Type:	Research Assistant
Department:	Global & National Security Policy Institute, under the supervision of the Director, Dr. Philip Hultquist
Pay Rate:	\$1,105.63 – \$1,216.24 pay range per month pending qualifications (https://oap.unm.edu/graduate-student-assistantships/compensation/spring-salary-rates-2026.html).
Tuition Award:	6 credit hours of tuition
Benefit Eligibility:	Graduate students who hold an assistantship appointment of 0.25 FTE or greater for at least half of a semester (8 weeks) are eligible for 100% coverage of the health insurance premium by the University under the graduate student health care plan on a semester-by-semester basis.
Anticipated Term:	Spring 2026
Appointment Percent:	.25 (10 hours week)
Application Deadline:	The position will be open until filled, but priority review will be given to those who can submit their CV (or resume) by Sunday, November 16.
Position Summary:	The successful applicant will provide research assistant (RA) duties under the supervision of Philip Hultquist. Depending on the skills, interests, and abilities of the successful candidate, the RA will help Dr. Hultquist: - A) see to publication existing research that are works-in-progress that examine the place of India in international relations, India's role in South Asia, and the role of India as a partner in US strategy, and/or - B) begin new policy-relevant research on deterrence, assurances, and ally politics in the relationship between the US, China, and Taiwan.

Duties and Responsibilities

For an RA working on the former (A), the RA may update data and findings, proofread, edit, and revise existing drafts, manage citations, provide critical feedback, identify and incorporate additional relevant source material, and research appropriate journal outlets.

For the latter (B), the RA may help launch the project and earn a co-author designation. The RA may perform literature searches, draft

annotated bibliographies, draft literature reviews, assist in research design, identify source material, collect data, interpret data, and assist in the writing process. These duties are not exhaustive. Other duties, relevant to the role of an RA, may be required or negotiated. For instance, whether the RA is fit for projects in A or B, the RA may assist the Director in setting up the research wing of GNSPI.

Qualifications:

Minimum Qualifications

To be employed as a graduate assistant; the selected candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Formally admitted to a graduate program at the University of New Mexico.
- A graduate student in good standing as determined in the sole discretion of UNM administration.
- For Fall and Spring semester, maintain enrollment at the University of New Mexico for a minimum of 6 hours of course work, thesis, or dissertation hours that count toward the graduate degree.
- A 3.0 grade point average in graduate coursework each semester.

Preferred Qualifications

- Background in international relations, comparative politics, security studies, or strategic studies, or US foreign policy.
- Knowledge of, or previous work or research experience in, South Asia or East Asia.
- Competency in a South Asian or Chinese language.
- Basic data management and analytical skills.
- Desire to learn how to navigate the intersection between academic and policy research.
- Desire to learn and contribute to the publication process.
- Note: You can apply even if you don't have these qualifications, but you find the projects interesting. Dr. Hultquist will teach you what you need to know.

Application Instructions: To be considered for this opportunity, send your CV or resume to philhult@unm.edu. He will respond with a link to schedule an interview. Send any questions to philhult@unm.edu.

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