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COPH Graduate Assistantship Posting Template

Assistantship Type: Research Assistant

Department: College of Population Health

Pay Pate: $1,198.04 monthly or $30.41 per hour

Tuition Award: None

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: 1/15/2027- 12/31/2026, for 32 weeks or 320 hours total, with the possibility of annual renewal of contract through 2031

Appointment Percent: .25%

Application Deadline: 12/15/2026

Position Summary: The College of Population Health seeks a research assistant to assist with the analysis of cohort study data. The ideal applicant will have strong coding experience in the R programming language, and working knowledge of causal inference analysis methods including difference in difference estimators. The anticipated work schedule is 10 hours a week, which is flexible given the applicants coursework schedule.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Clean and code data from two large cohort studies
- Prepare data for analysis, and conduct preliminary analysis

Qualifications:

- Strong coding experience in the R programming language
- At least one graduate level statistics class
- Knowledge of causal inference methods including the difference in difference estimator

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.
- Within the time limit, as specified in the UNM Graduate Catalog, for completion of the degree sought.

Application Instructions: To be considered for this opportunity, the candidate will submit a cover letter, CV and a sample of R code to Sam Swift at samswift@salud.unm.edu.

Assistantship holders are represented by United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE).