SEEKING SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

PROJECT: Supporting Community-centered Planning and Policy for Urban Waters

This summer (2019), researchers at the University of Minnesota’s (UMN) Center for Changing Landscapes (CCL) are conducting a social science study of water narratives in three Minnesota urban centers: Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Area), St. Cloud and Duluth. The study will document diverse water connections and values of urban residents. Specifically, research assistants hired will join a team of social scientists to conduct onsite surveys at various summer community events in the Twin Cities. Research assistants also may assist with data management and the administration of mail surveys in Duluth and St. Cloud.

Research Assistant Job Responsibilities:

- Complete survey research and research ethics training
- Carry out an onsite survey at various community events throughout summer 2019. Tasks include:
  - Follow standard protocol for approaching and interacting with potential survey participants
  - Assemble necessary materials (tablets and handouts) to bring to community events, and return them to UMN contact at the conclusion of events.
- Enter mail survey data and transcribe interview recordings at UMN CCL offices on St. Paul campus
- Assist with focus groups as needed

Required Qualifications:

- Interest in conducting survey research
- Excellent verbal and interpersonal communication skills
- Commitment to diversity and competencies in intercultural understanding
- Organized, dependable, timely, and courteous
- Ability to secure transportation to and from UMN St. Paul campus and data collection sites in Twin Cities area.

Preferred qualification: fluency in Somali, Oromo, Hmong, or Spanish

Job details: approximately 5-10 hours/week, primarily evenings and weekends at community events, or on an event by event basis.

Compensation: $12.25/hour to $15.00/hour

Instructions: Submit a resume and at least two professional/academic references to Emily Green at gree0307@umn.edu. Positions are being filled immediately.

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