The Northwestern University Two-Generation Research Initiative
Research Assistant Position Available

The Northwestern Two-Generation Research Initiative (Director Dr. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale; Co-Director Dr. Teresa Eckrich Sommer) is a multidisciplinary team at the forefront of developing the theory, programmatic design, and research underlying two-generation initiatives that aim to improve low-income families’ educational, economic, and health outcomes. Two-generation programs expand the set of opportunities available to families by simultaneously investing in parent and child human capital. At present, we are funded to study two-generation initiatives from numerous theoretical perspectives, including three longitudinal experimental studies of CareerAdvance®, a large-scale two-generation program in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Working closely with the Community Action Project of Tulsa, OK (CAP Tulsa), Dr. Hirokazu Yoshikawa (New York University), Dr. Amanda Morris (University of Oklahoma), Dr. Jeanne Brooks-Gunn (Columbia University), and Dr. Christopher King (University of Texas at Austin), we are studying how these programs influence family economic stability, personal and career development, parenting, household organization and time use, and the cognitive and social development of children.

The research assistant (RA) will work with a diverse, mixed-methods team of professors, postdoctoral fellows, project coordinators, data analysts, and graduate students and will be responsible for data management and analysis. Data work for this RA position will consist of coding quantitative data on families’ home language environment, qualitative training in NVivo (a qualitative data analysis program), coding videos of coaching sessions, and contributing to the qualitative team’s ongoing analyses of qualitative data. As a member of the Northwestern Two-Generation Research Initiative, the RA will have the opportunity to work independently and collaboratively with multiple sources of data and will be encouraged to contribute to the research team through bi-weekly lab meetings and ongoing mentorship. Students are expected to work 8-10 hours a week at a rate of $10.40/hour.

We are seeking current Northwestern undergraduate students (Sophomores-Seniors) with proficiency in English and Spanish (preferred but not required), orientation to detail, consistency and reliability in work, and strong interest in social science and public policy research. A minimum 3.0 grade point average is required. Work study students are encouraged to apply.

If interested, please contact Mixed Methods Data Manager, Kenn Dela Cruz, with a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and unofficial transcript: kenn.delacruz@northwestern.edu

For more information about the Northwestern Two-Generation Research Initiative, visit nu2gen.org.