University of Northern Iowa

Department of Languages & Literatures

**Position Title**: Graduate Research Assistant

**Reports to**: English or TESOL Graduate Programs Coordinator, depending on student’s major.

**Terms of Employment**:

* For the fall semester: 20 hours per week, beginning August 23, 2021 and ending December 17, 2021. Does not include the week of Thanksgiving Break.
* For the spring semester: 20 hours per week, beginning January 10, 2022 and ending May 6, 2022. Does not include the week of Spring Break.

**Compensation**:

* Full assistantship salary is $5,395 per semester for 2021-22.
* Salary will be prorated on a weekly basis for a late start.
* Graduate Assistants may qualify for in-state tuition and fees.
* Graduate Assistants receive University holidays and do not work during Thanksgiving Break, Spring Break, or the interims between semesters.
* Tuition scholarships are applied for and awarded separately, and are not compensation for assistantship duties. A tuition scholarship covers in-state tuition but not all fees. For those paying out-of-state tuition, a scholarship pays a portion of the tuition costs.
* For more information on the Graduate Assistantship System and procedures: <http://www.grad.uni.edu/assistantships>

**Position Description**:

In the Department of Languages and Literatures (DLL), faculty supervisors collaborate with Graduate Assistants on projects that contribute to students’ educational experience. Such assignments include but are not limited to positions with the literary journal *North American Review,* academic program The Iowa Writing Project*,* and locating, vetting, and compiling disciplinary research for individual faculty members; this research may be primary and/or secondary in form. The nature of assignments given to GAs are expected to facilitate students’ intellectual ability relevant to particular DLL graduate program markers, e.g., successful construction of annotated bibliographies, theses, creative projects, and/or research papers and portfolios. Assignments are expected to enhance students’ research skills, writing craft, or professional development.

**Qualifications**:

* Must be a full-time, degree-seeking student in a UNI graduate program in the Department of Languages and Literatures.
* Must be enrolled in 9 graduate-level credit hours.
* Maintain a UNI cumulative graduate GPA of at least 3.00. A newly admitted graduate student must have at least a 3.0 GPA for undergraduate or previous graduate work of at least 8 graded credit hours.
* B.A/B.S. degree in English, TESOL/Applied Linguistics, or related field preferred.

**Application Process and Deadline**: To apply, email the completed Application Form for Graduate Assistantship (available at http://www.grad.uni.edu/assistantships to Kris Knebel, English Graduate Programs Secretary (Kristi.knebel@uni.edu). Applications must be received and all other admission materials must be on file by February 1, in order to be given preferential consideration.