

Graduate Assistantships in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences

Typically there are 9 graduate assistantships positions available. These are for 9-month durations beginning in the fall and continuing through the spring semesters. The weekly work obligation is 18 -19 hours. The stipend is accompanied by a tuition waiver for both fall and spring semester. An additional summer tuition waiver is usually available. Fees are the responsibility of the student. All appointments are contingent on funding.

Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled in, or in the process of being enrolled in the MS in FCS degree; document a GPA of 2.75 or higher; and provide a completed application file for consideration by the graduate faculty in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Below are descriptions of the positions that are subject to change at any time due to personnel and program needs:

Nutrition Education Resource and Referral -

Description: Perform dietary assessments for students, serve as a nutrition information resource for campus, create and implement nutrition education programs.

Preferred background: nutrition/dietetics, ability to organize time well and make educational presentations, and effective interpersonal communication skills

Financial Health Education –

Description: Serving as an information resource to the campus and community concerning financial health education and prevention topics. The Coordinator will oversee the financial health education program administration and delivery, conduct community financial health needs assessment, and oversee the development of evidence-based financial health programming for college populations.

Infant/Child Development Laboratory –

Description: Assist in FCS 4851 and FCS 3853; serve as head teacher for toddler program and function as a member of the child development staff of the laboratories.

Preferred background: child development course, experience in a child development laboratory, compliant with DCFS licensure requirements

Foods Lab for FCS 1120 –

Description: Preparation for labs, teach, and evaluate performance in FCS 1120 laboratory experiences; purchase food/supplies; monitor sanitation procedures

Preferred background: nutrition/dietetics, interest in teaching, excellent time management skills

Student Organization and General –

Description: Coordinate with faculty sponsors of student organizations in the School (SAFCS, WIM, CMAA, & KOnu) in planning and coordination of programming; and provide general GA support for FCS program

Preferred background: former membership in SAFCS preferred, understanding of student organization structure, leadership skills; organizational and scholarly presentation skills

Textile Laboratory and General –

Description: Supervise open lab, maintain reference materials in the textile laboratory

Preferred background: technological skills appropriate to the hardware and software in the laboratory, personal interaction competencies, and strong organizational skills.

General –

Description: Provide general GA support for FCS program; manage and maintain Resource Center

Preferred background: working knowledge of the discipline of family and consumer sciences, organizational and scholarly presentation skills

Other – Child Care Resource & Referral assistantships are sometimes available to graduate students who are pursuing the MS in FCS. Dr. Jim Painter jepainter@eiu.edu is the contact person. Industry-supported assistantships in the food/nutrition/dietetic area may be available in addition to our regularly allotted GA positions.