

Open Position: Graduate Assistant

‘Listening and Learning: Understanding Climate Gentrification Pressures through
Community-Guided Conversations’

(August-December 2023)

Job Summary

The Office of Civic and Community Engagement is seeking a Graduate Assistant to support the efforts of a multidisciplinary team studying impacts of gentrification and displacement on community stability and neighborhood dynamics. This project will investigate how climate consequences such as sea level rise, flooding, and extreme heat are the latest in a long line of forces contributing to the potential for displacement for residents in historically under-resourced neighborhoods. Through this work, we will coordinate with local organizations involved with affordable housing development as well as local residents to understand the host of issues to consider in equitable, resilient, and just neighborhood growth.

The Graduate Assistant should have a research background with experience in quantitative and qualitative research methods, the ability to communicate effectively through written reports and public presentations, and, ideally, some experience working with community-based organizations. The candidate will also assist with overall project management, including:

- Working with Grant Project Manager to schedule and facilitate stakeholder roundtable meetings including the preparation of meeting materials such as documents, presentations, and resources
- Assisting in the completion and editing of a project-related literature review and helping to translate the team’s work into communication tools such as white papers, articles, web posts, etc. This could include researching legal precedents related to gentrification and neighborhood displacement
- Coordinating with other team members working on related deliverables
- Assisting with other tasks related to project deliverables
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The ideal candidate will:

- Have a familiarity/interest in affordable housing, equity, resilience, history of urban development patterns, policy, planning, or other related field
- Comfort sharing ideas and working collaboratively with a multidisciplinary team
- Knowledge of economic/real estate-related data (e.g. date of sale, sales price, change of use, permitting, etc.)
- Contribute research into climate gentrification, historic redlining and real estate disinvestment, and other related topics to support the work of the project team

Minimum Qualifications

- Currently enrolled graduate student with a research background
- Experience in quantitative and qualitative research
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Effective organizational skills
- Skilled in completing assignments accurately and with attention to detail
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite applications (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc.)

Desired Qualifications

- Background or interest in civic and community engagement, urban resilience, community development

Availability: Fall semester 2023

Hours: 20 hours per week

Stipend range: \$3,060 per month, commensurate with experience

To Apply

Qualified applicants should send an updated résumé, letter of interest, and names and contact information for references to civicengagement@miami.edu. Applications not containing all of these elements will not be considered. Please indicate in your application how you heard about the position. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. No phone calls please.

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