Seeking Applications

IMPACT Scholars Graduate Research Assistant

We are seeking applicants for a full-time (0.5 FTE) graduate assistant position that is funded by a National Science Foundation Scholarships in STEM grant titled: Preparing Impactful Engineers in Oklahoma. You can learn about the program here.

This is a *student-facing* position that is well suited for individuals with an interest in engineering/higher education. It will provide opportunities to work with undergraduate engineering students, develop and implement educational and community-building programming, and contribute to education research.

The position begins with a 1-year appointment for Fall 2027 & Spring 2028, with potential for reappointment for up to 4 years, contingent on eligibility and performance. We are especially interested in applicants who are seeking a long-term graduate appointment.

Core Responsibilities

- Serve as a point of contact and mentor for students in the program.
- Cultivate a community for students in the program.
- Facilitate communication between students and project faculty/staff.
- Assist with the planning and implementation of program learning experiences.
- Gather and manage project data, including surveys and participant interviews.
- Analyze data and contribute to dissemination of project results.

Desired Qualifications

- Experience working with students in formal and informal educational settings
- Familiarity with barriers and challenges affecting low-income students
- Interest in and experiences with student development and mentorship
- Strong organizational, communication, and inter-personal skills
- Competencies in managing and analyzing spreadsheet data (e.g., Excel)
- Ability to contribute to research on undergraduate engineering education

To Apply

Apply using this online application. You will be asked to upload:

1. A CV/resume that highlights relevant experiences
2. The names and contact information for two professional references
3. A Letter of Application (maximum one page, single spaced) that speaks to the following:
   a) What interests you in working with undergraduate engineering students?
   b) How does this position align with your professional goals?
   c) Identify up to three experiences you have had that are relevant to this position (e.g., working with low-income students). What did you take away from those experiences?

Application Timeline

For full consideration of your application, please submit no later than January 31, 2027. Finalists for the position will complete an interview with members of the project team. Finalists will be notified no later than February 15, 2027.

Questions

Please contact Drs. Sarah Breen (sabreen@ou.edu) or Jacob Pleasants (jacob.pleasants@ou.edu)