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The Graduate Program in Urban Studies invites applications for the position of  
Teaching Assistant, Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU)

Closing date: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Work load: 3.81 BU

Course: URB 760, URBAN RESEARCH METHODS  
MONDAYS, 5:30 -9:20 SFU HC  
STARTS: JAN 6TH

TA is required Urban Research Methods graduate course which covers epistemological approaches to research methodology and both quantitative and qualitative research in the social sciences.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Attending all lectures
- Conducting designated tutorials
- Reviewing assignments
- Holding office hours
- Responding to student inquiries via email

The preferred candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Experience in multidisciplinary urban research obtained either from successful coursework completed in the area or direct professional experience
- Understand a range of research epistemologies in the social sciences
- Demonstrated expertise using a range of software applications, including qualitative (NVivo, Zotero) and quantitative (SPSS, Excel, R)
- Demonstrated expertise in accessing key urban data sources
- Availability to attend lectures and offer tutorials and office hours in the evening, downtown
- Demonstrated proficiency in English communication skills, both oral and written

In addition to the listed qualifications for each position, Urban Studies will define qualification in accordance with Article XIII F of the Collective Agreement with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU). Evaluation of the adequacy of qualifications is at the Director's discretion. Interviews may be requested of a short list of candidates.

The University is committed to the principle of equity in employment.

Privacy: The information submitted with your application is collected under the authority of the University Act (R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468, s. 27(4)(a)), applicable federal and provincial employment regulations and requirements, the University's non-academic employment policies and applicable collective agreements. The information is related directly to and needed by the University to initiate the employment application process. The information will be used to contact references supplied by you, evaluate your qualifications

and complete the employment process by making a hiring decision. Applicant information may also be disclosed to the Teaching Support Staff Union in accordance with Article XIII F.3.1.a (iv) of the Collective Agreement. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information please contact the Associate VP, Human Resources, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6. Telephone 778-782-323.

To apply, please submit the following to [urban@sfu.ca](mailto:urban@sfu.ca)

- An application letter that includes: your name, email address, telephone number, If applicable, also indicate your SFU student number, the degree program in which you are enrolled, and the amount of funding from merit-based scholarships that you will receive in Spring 2020.
- Include in your letter your motivation in applying for the TAship.
- Include in your letter a list of all courses you have experience teaching or TAing, research methods courses in which you have been a student, and other evidence of your experience learning, applying and teaching urban-related research methods.
- If available, please provide your advising transcript for your current graduate work, the name of your thesis supervisor, and your research interests.
- A current CV.

For questions and inquiries, please email Urban Studies Program Director Meg Holden at [mholden@sfu.ca](mailto:mholden@sfu.ca) or contact the Manager, Academic and Administrative Services, at 778-782-7914 or [urban@sfu.ca](mailto:urban@sfu.ca).