

**Graduate Research Assistantship  
Recreation Research  
at  
Central Michigan University  
Department of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration**

**Role and Responsibilities** It is expected that the graduate assistant's normal load will include a minimum of six (6) credits of academic coursework per semester and a minimum of twenty (20) hours of department work per week as assigned.

The GA selected will work on the Michigan Recreation Research Project – a project funded by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Research projects will focus on serving the research needs of the municipal parks and recreation industry in Michigan.

Selection of the GRA is made on a competitive basis using the following criteria:

1. Must have a baccalaureate degree in parks & recreation or closely related field with a minimum of 2 years of full time experience in a parks & recreation or human services field.
2. Must have demonstrated skills in planning and carrying out research activities, use of appropriate software for data analysis, and technical writing.
3. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in social survey research and SPSS analysis techniques.
4. Candidate must be motivated, hard working, and work well independently and as part of a team.

**Stipend:** The stipend is at least \$10,500 for the academic year and reimbursement for up to 20 credit hours of coursework per academic year. Additional credit hours will be billed at the in-state rate.

**Effective dates of appointment:** Academic year (August—May). Screening begins mid-March and continues until position is filled.

**Application process:** In order to be considered, the applicant must be admitted to the College of Graduate Studies and the Master's program in the Department of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration. Upon acceptance, send a cover letter, resume, three professional references and evidence of specific skills identified above to:

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