The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is accepting applications from graduate students at The University of Texas at Austin for one graduate research assistant to work with the foundation’s Shared Inquiry team. The spring position begins 01/16/2024 and ends 05/31/2024. The position is strongly recommended to continue in the summer and fall semesters as well. You can apply for the position on Handshake by searching for Hogg Foundation Levy Fellow.

Benefits

- $19/ hour
- 20 hours/ week
- Flexible schedule
- Health insurance
- Tuition reduction benefit

The Hogg Foundation envisions a future in which all people in Texas thrive in communities that support mental health, achieve health equity, and promote well-being. We support research and learning, practice and implementation, and policy initiatives to achieve this vision.

One of the pillars of the Hogg Foundation’s strategic plan is shared inquiry, which seeks to advance the understanding of the community factors that promote and protect mental health.

Responsibilities

The graduate research assistant will explore the following research questions:

1. Which populations in Texas bear a disproportionate share of poor mental health outcomes?
2. Which protective and risk factors most affect mental health in the populations in Texas with the worst mental health outcomes? How can we prevent individual and community trauma and ameliorate its effects when it does occur?
3. What are best practices, including policy interventions, in Texas, nationally and abroad, for increasing protective factors for mental health and decreasing risk factors for mental illness at the population level? What community conditions enable these promising practices?

The graduate research assistant will explore the identified research questions by:

1. conducting a literature review on;
   a. populations at risk in Texas,
   b. protective and risk factors for the populations at risk,
   c. best practices, including policy interventions, for increasing protective factors and decreasing risk factors for the populations at risk.
2. compiling relevant information from project charters and grant partners final reports;
3. conducting informational interviews with our program team, policy team, and grant partners;
4. conducting a landscape analysis of current practices;
5. developing a list of organizations engaged in this work;
6. leading learning discussions with staff on their research; and
7. working with our communications team to disseminate research.
Qualifications

- Must be enrolled full-time
- Interest in mental health promotion
- Ability to work independently and take initiative on projects

The foundation is in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas at Austin. The university is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, citizenship status, Vietnam era or special disabled veteran’s status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.