

Graduate Assistantship Opening

Kathleen Blanco Public Policy Center

Department Overview: The Blanco Center aims to provide policymakers and the public with the information necessary to improve lives and communities across Louisiana. Based in the College of Liberal Arts, the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center is an interdisciplinary research center focused on the public policy areas championed by Governor Blanco during her 25-year career in state government. These issues include education, poverty and economic opportunity, criminal justice reform, health and healthcare, the coast and environment, and governmental ethics.

Position Summary and Duties:

This position will perform a variety of research activities as the center engages in research across a range of topics in public policy. The graduate student appointed to this position will collaborate with Blanco Center researchers and will support multiple ongoing projects. They will develop a research plan and complete major tasks related to the research project. The candidate must be able to track progress and ensure timely completion of major milestones and final deliverables. The candidate must be able to interpret data and contribute to reports with the support from other Blanco Center staff.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be UL Lafayette graduate students in good academic standing who have been admitted unconditionally to a master's or doctoral degree program.

Graduate students pursuing a graduate degree in **Communication, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, History, Informatics, Mathematics, or Psychology** are eligible to apply. Students pursuing other graduate degree programs and research focus with a direct connection to the duties described above may also be considered.

If an international graduate student, your visa status may place restrictions on your employment eligibility; if you are not certain if your visa status permits holding an assistantship, contact the Office of International Affairs in the Division of Global Engagement.

Appointment Term and Additional Considerations:

Graduate assistantship appointments with Blanco Center are for the **academic year**, beginning in August 2024.

Appointment requires unconditional admission, full-time graduate enrollment, and satisfactory completion of **20 hours of in-person, on-campus duties** each week during the academic terms. Appointment does not require completion of duties when classes are not in session (i.e., during intercessions and student breaks).

Continuation of appointment to Spring 2025 and beyond is contingent upon successful completion of

assistantship duties and satisfactory progress toward degree. Reappointment beyond Spring 2025 is dependent upon the same conditions, an academic-year appointment, and/or budgetary considerations.

Compensation:

Compensation includes a waiver of tuition and most fees + a monthly stipend.

- For the 2024-2025 academic year, the minimum stipend is \$1,150 per month for master's students, totaling \$11,500 paid over ten months; for doctoral students, it is \$2,000 per month, totaling \$20,000 paid over ten months.
- While the 2024-2025 tuition and fees are not yet set, using 2023-2024 rates, the tuition/fee waiver for an academic-year assistantship is valued at \$10,184 for U.S. resident graduate students and \$25,610 for non-resident international graduate students enrolled in 9 graduate credit hours per semester. For students taking more credits, this benefit is even higher.
- The accompanying fee waiver does not cover 100% of the supplemental insurance fee for international students on F-1, J-1, or other non-immigrant visas.

To Apply:

For consideration, applicants must upload a letter of application, resume, and contact information for professional references to the university's online applicant site, Handshake (<https://louisiana.edu/career/find-job/handshake>).

Review of applications will begin immediately.