



Office of Institutional Research Graduate Assistantship Opening

The Office of Institutional Research invites applications from graduate students pursuing a master's degree to fill an applied Graduate Research Assistant position for the Academic Year 2026-2027.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Graduate students appointed to GRA positions in the Office of Institutional Research are responsible for supporting data and reporting technologies and data engineering systems.

- GRA duties related to data and reporting technologies provide hands-on experience with projects utilizing data analytics, data modeling, structured and unstructured query languages, and programmatic data transformation and preparation. Responsibilities include direct involvement of consolidating existing reporting queries, improving efficiency of reporting tools and scripts, and assisting with unification of data definitions.
- GRA duties related to data engineering offers the opportunity to work with data automation, object-oriented programming, and project management. Responsibilities include direct involvement with data orchestration, analytics, and ETL (extract, transform, and load) practices.
- Graduate students appointed in these positions are part of a team responsible for designing, creating, implementing, and improving new approaches to data and reporting processes for Institutional Research while learning about the importance of understanding user needs and translating them into real-world solutions.

Eligibility and Additional Considerations:

Applicants must be UL Lafayette graduate students in good academic standing who have been admitted unconditionally.

Students in the **MS Informatics, MS Computer Science, and MS Computer Engineering** graduate programs are eligible to apply. Students pursuing a different graduate degree program with a research focus directly connected to the duties described above may be considered.

Additional desired qualifications include experience with data analytics, structured query language, python, and object-oriented programming principles.

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 Terms and Additional Considerations:

Graduate assistantship appointments with the **Office of Institutional Research** are for the academic year and usually begin in the Fall semester. This position will begin in August 2026.

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, student holidays, and semester breaks).

Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful completion of assistantship duties and satisfactory progress toward the degree. Reappointment beyond the 2026-2027 academic year is not guaranteed; continuation is dependent upon the same conditions as well as budgetary considerations and approval.

Compensation:

Compensation includes a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees, plus a monthly stipend that adheres to University minimum levels. Assistantship stipend and tuition/fee waiver benefits will be prorated to start date.

- For the 2026-2027 academic year, the minimum stipend is \$1,150 per month for master's students, totaling \$11,500 paid over ten months.
- The value of tuition/fee waiver for an academic-year assistantship in 2026-2027 is at least \$11,202 for U.S. resident graduate students and \$27,674 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:

To apply, send letter of application and resume to chad.parker@louisiana.edu.

Questions should be directed to Dr. Chad Parker, Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development and Academic Outreach, at the email address above.

To ensure full consideration, apply by August 5. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.