

**Graduate Research Assistant (RAI) Position
For Grant Proposal Development**

Faculty Member Requesting the RAI: Neil P. Baird

Department/School: English

Hours to work: 20 hours / week

Stipend rate: Stipend rate will be the rate of the student's academic program

Contract start date: ASAP Other Date:

1. Eligible Program Applicants (Applicants must be from one of the following graduate programs):

- English
- Any other Humanities or Education programs

2. Qualifications/preferred skills:

- Survey development
- Usability testing
- Quantitative and quantitative analysis
- Interpersonal skills
- Writing
- Willingness to develop these skills

3. Grant Proposal Title/Subject Area:

Writing Transfer Beyond the University

4. Short description of grant proposal topic:

Neil Baird was recently accepted into the Elon Research Seminar on Writing Beyond the University. In this seminar, he will conduct mixed methods research to learn more about how alumni across institutions adapt prior knowledge, and to explore what this research means for engaging faculty across the university with practitioners in the field to improve writing instruction. While the specifics of the research design will be worked out in collaboration with other seminar participants Summer 2019, Neil expects to pursue a BGSU "Building Strength" grant Fall 2019 and College Composition and Communication Research Initiative grant Fall 2020 to support data collection for two years, building toward an NEH and/or ACLS grant to support dissemination and publication of results. Grant funding will be used for participants stipends and graduate assistantships for data collection, transcription, and analysis.

Because one of the primary deliverables of this study involves developing transfer-sensitive upper-division writing requirements and writing across the curriculum programs, an initial step to support this study and subsequent grant work is learning how writing is taught outside first-year composition at BGSU. Neil thus seeks an RA to help construct, test, circulate, and analyze results of a Spring 2019 faculty survey designed to create a

map of writing and writing instruction at BGSU. These survey results will be used to structure methods for alumni research and shape upper-division writing at BGSU.

5. Position Description (primary and secondary responsibilities):

Assist Neil Baird in constructing, testing, circulating, and analyzing a Spring 2019 faculty survey designed to create a map of writing at BGSU. While preferred qualifications include experience with survey design, usability testing, qualitative and quantitative analysis, interpersonal skills, and writing, Neil will work with anyone willing to learn and develop these skills.

Application Process:

Applicants wishing to apply for this Graduate Assistant position must: 1) be admitted or accepted for admission as a full-time student in a graduate program at BGSU; and 2) remain in academic good standing to maintain the position.

1. **To apply to this positions, send the following materials:** Brief statement of interest and CV
2. **Send GA application materials to:** neilb@bgsu.edu