Graduate Research Assistant (RAI) Position
For Grant Proposal Development

Faculty Member Requesting the RAI: Dr. Mousumi De

Department/School: Art Education, School of Art

Hours to work: 5 to 20 hours a week

Stipend rate: Dependent on student’s program

Contract start date: ☒ ASAP ☐ Other Date:

1. Eligible Program Applicants (Applicants must be from one of the following graduate programs):
   - School of Art
   - College Education & Human Development
   - Public Administration

2. Qualifications/preferred skills:
   - Interest in research & grant writing

3. Grant Proposal Title/Subject Area:
   Investigating the long-term impact of collaborative murals on mental health of community members in selected counties in Pennsylvania

4. Short description of grant proposal topic:
   This research project will analyze the long-term impact of collaborative mural making in selected counties in Pennsylvania implemented by a community arts organization. The research will assess the in terms of (1) strengthening intergenerational ties within families, (2) connecting culturally diverse communities, including socially marginalized communities, for e.g. incarcerated youth and women, to promote diversity and inclusion, (3) advocating for social concerns such as cancer awareness and child abuse prevention, and (4) the overall social wellbeing and mental health of community members who co-created the murals, as well as audience of the mural. In addition, (6) it will examine the effectiveness of this particular methodology of creating collaborative murals and its contribution to social wellbeing and community mental health.

5. Position Description (primary and secondary responsibilities):
   Primary responsibilities: (1) Narrow search for specific community arts, arts council and mental health grants suitable for the project. (2) Study the requirements of these grants and identify the most relevant grants for this project. (3) Under supervision, conduct literature review and write the research plan needed for the grant proposal. Secondary responsibilities (1) make a list of the counties and murals to be analyzed, their location, dates and social contexts and (2) coordinate with the Grants Office at BGSU for writing the budget.

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: CV and letter of interest
2. Send GA application materials to: mde@bgsu.edu & marrigo@bgsu.edu