

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

**Faculty Member Requesting the RAI:** Elizabeth Holman

**Department/School:** Human Development & Family Studies/Family & Consumer Sciences

**Hours to work:** 10-20 hours/week

**Stipend rate:** As per Graduate College rate and student's home department

**Contract start date:**     ASAP                     Other Date:

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

- Any Master's or PhD program at BGSU
- Preference for focus in Social Sciences

**2. Qualifications/preferred skills:**

- Successfully completed a Research Methods course
- Proficient in APA writing style
- Ability to use library databases
- Experience with or interest in social justice work and research
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

**3. Grant Proposal Title/Subject Area:**

Creating change through connections: Living library collection

**4. Short description of grant proposal topic:**

Research shows that personal connections, even with acquaintances, can change individuals' perceptions of broader communities and social groups. And yet, in today's socio-political climate, individuals are often less willing to discuss issues of personal identity, including race, sexual orientation, religion, etc. The proposed grant will fund the development and assessment of a 'Living Library' Collection at BGSU that will help us address and collect data on this paradox. This collection will include individual storytellers willing to talk about issues of identity and their experiences. Students will be able to 'check out' a story by sitting and conversing with the individual storytellers. Data will be collected as part of the preliminary trial and used to prepare secondary grants to support sustainability of the program.

**5. Position Description** (primary and secondary responsibilities):

Identify and review related literature

Compile research literature annotations in excel spreadsheet

Draft review of literature framework for grant proposal

Identify applicable grant funding outlets for second stage of research agenda

Finalize statistical analysis as foundation for grant funding

**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 a recent academic writing sample
2. **Send GA application materials to:** [eholman@bgsu.edu](mailto:eholman@bgsu.edu)