

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

**Faculty Member Requesting the RAI:** Lara Martin Lengel

**Department/School:** School of Media and Communication

**Hours to work:** Up to 20 hours per 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):

- Open

**2. Qualifications/preferred skills:**

- Literature review, writing skills,

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

Human trafficking

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

The purpose of this research project is, first, to understand the role and impact of community-based organizations (CBOs) and faith-based organizations (FBO) in combatting human trafficking and sex trafficking of women and children, and in supporting survivors of human and sex trafficking, former sex workers, and/or current sex workers in North and Central America. Second, it aims to understand how these CBOs and FBOs provide support and services to survivors of human and sex trafficking, former sex workers, and current sex workers. Third, it asks how these CBOs and FBOs structure their work. Fourth, the project explores to what extent do FBOs' faith mission(s) dictate the types of services it provides. Fifth, the study asks if FBOs evangelize to the survivors of human trafficking, former sex workers, and currently operating sex workers they serve and, if so, to what extent. Finally, the study aims to learn about the types of funding these CBOs and FBOs receive to operate and provide services in North and Central America.

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

**Primary responsibilities for Graduate Assistant:** Research current grant funding opportunities. Assist with grant proposal development, in all areas which will be an outstanding learning opportunity for the Graduate Assistant in grant acquisition. Note: The GA will be mentored by a faculty member who has developed and facilitated grant workshops and short courses.

**Secondary responsibilities for Graduate Assistant:** Research and contact administrators, employees, and volunteers of community-based organizations and faith-based organizations that aim to provide support for survivors of human trafficking, sex trafficking, former sex workers, and / or current sex workers in North and Central America. Assist with organizing interviews and focus groups.

**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, if desired, please also include a biographical statement
2. **Send GA application materials to:**  
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