

Undergraduate/Graduate Student Research Assistant
GW Sustainability Institute

Green Energy Transitions in Alaska and Northern Sweden

Project Description

The Research Director for the GW Sustainability Institute, Dr. Robert Orttung, seeks two undergraduate or graduate research assistants to join a recently funded two-year project about green energy transitions in Alaska and northern Sweden, with a particular focus on justice and sustainability. This project involves 18 researchers from multiple disciplines across universities in Alaska, Sweden, and at GW. The goal of this project is to build organizational capacity and lay the intellectual foundations for future research on green energy transitions by exploring how to co-design research with community partners, stakeholders, and rightsholders.

Responsibilities

The key responsibilities of the research assistants will be to conduct literature reviews about justice and sustainability in energy transitions, identify culturally appropriate research methodologies, and help develop outreach and communication strategies with prospective community partners. The research assistants will also be responsible for drafting and disseminating the project's digital newsletter. The majority of this work can be completed remotely, though the research assistants will be expected to meet with Dr. Orttung and the project's Research Coordinator on a weekly basis.

This position is offered for 10-15 hours per week for \$18.80 per hour, with a duration of up to two years.

Qualifications

Students from all majors are welcome to apply. No previous research experience is required, as this position will provide training and mentorship in qualitative research methods. Students with experience working with vulnerable or disadvantaged communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Requirements

- Strong interest in developing qualitative research skills
- Interests in and basic knowledge of sustainability, environmental justice, and/or energy issues
- Strong writing and investigative skills

Application

CV

Cover Letter (max 1 page)

1. Why are you applying for this position?
2. How have your previous academic or professional experiences prepared you for this position?
3. How would this role align with your academic or professional aspirations?

Application due Friday, Aug 11

Link to apply: <https://gwu-studentemployment.peopleadmin.com/postings/15388>