



Tourism and Destination Management Funded Graduate Assistantship

The SmartState Center of Excellence in Tourism and Economic Development (SmartState Tourism) is pleased to announce a **funded graduate assistantship** position starting in August 2021.

The Ph.D. student will work under the supervision of Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, endowed chair and director of SmartState Tourism. The selected candidate will have research responsibilities (totaling approximately 20 hours per week), write proposals, submit manuscripts for publication and be involved in funded projects related to tourism management.

Potential areas of research include, but are not limited to, destination management and marketing, tourism planning and development, tourism crisis management, destination resilience, risk and crisis communications.

Stipend and Benefits

The SmartState Tourism and Destination Management Assistantship offers a competitive nine-month stipend of approximately \$21,000, a tuition waiver, and health insurance subsidy. Additional fellowship and scholarship opportunities might be available for qualified applicants.

Qualifications

Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated statistical analysis skills and/or previous social science research experience. Prospective applicants must have strong interpersonal, organizational, written communication, and oral communication skills. International applicants from non-English speaking countries must have a minimum TOEFL score of 100, with a minimum of 19 on the speaking portion.



Apply by April 1, 2021



Send all inquiries to:
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Include:

- (1) letter of intent describing relevant experience, skills, and research interests;
- (2) resume/CV;
- (3) copy of transcripts;
- (4) copy of GRE & TOEFL (if applicable) scores;
- (5) reference letters from three references.



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