

Political Science Department Graduate Student Researcher Position

The UCR Political Science Department is seeking applicants for a 9-month GSR appointment for AY2025-26. The department GSR reports to the chair and has primary responsibility for providing support to the faculty service committees, and especially the undergraduate committee, the outreach committee, and the DEI committee. In AY2025-26, the department will undergo an external review of the undergraduate program, and the GSR will be the primary support for that project.

The GSR also will work with the undergraduate committee to support the department's internship program, professional development series, moot court program, and The [Minority Serving Institution Research Academy \(MSIRA\)](#) program. The GSR will be the primary support for the department's outreach committee and will need to assist with the committee's workflow, including tasks related to speaker events as well as managing the department's website and social media channels. The GSR will be expected to conduct research including using institutional data to support all faculty committees, the chair and the department administration. Finally, the GSR will provide backup support for departmental administrative tasks that can change from week to week.

The successful candidate must be a PhD student in the UCR Political Science Department. Preferred qualifications include previous experience in administration, strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills, commitment to inclusion, advancement to candidacy, and especially a demonstrated interest in undergraduate instruction and in supporting high impact undergraduate programs.

This appointment will be for Fall 2025, Winter 2026, and Spring 2026 quarters at 50%. To apply, please send a cover letter expressing your interest in and fit with the position, and your CV to Kevin Esterling (kevin.esterling@ucr.edu).

The application deadline is August 11, 2025, by midnight Pacific time.

The salary is commensurate with the successful candidate's GSR step, see the UC GSR Salary Scale [here](#).