

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. The GSR also will 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 and recruitment 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 2026, Winter 2027, and Spring 2027 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 **May 24, 2026**, by midnight Pacific time.

Departmental Administrative Tasks Include and are not limited to:

- Assistance with POSC speaker seminars, department events and faculty and grad student recruitment activities
- Stocking copy room items
- Request, Print and Post Grad student articles on Watkins Hall bulletin board with QR code to article
- Manage Bulletin Boards
- Gather news and updates from Grad students on current work and plans after graduation to share with Marketing Committee members
- Projects at the request of Chair, Faculty, Staff

The salary is commensurate with the successful candidate's GSR step. Please refer to the UC GSR Salary Scale [here](#) for additional information.