

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MARRIAGE RESEARCH

Bowling Green State University

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: BGSU GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS, ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010

The National Center for Marriage Research (NCMR) seeks up to three graduate research assistants for half-time appointments (i.e., 20 hours per week) during the 2009-2010 academic year. The assistantship is designed to provide an opportunity for outstanding graduate students to pursue research on marriage and family.

The Assistantship

Graduate research assistants will identify a senior BGSU faculty member as a mentor and pursue guided research on a topic of mutual interest that is consistent with the NCMR research themes. Assistants will participate in all activities sponsored by the NCMR, as well as a monthly meeting of the assistants to discuss their progress. Assistants will receive a stipend of \$17,000 and a tuition waiver for the academic year. Assistants must register for full-time credit hours and remain students in good standing. They will have access to the NCMR's services, including computing and data support.

NCMR Research Themes

The NCMR supports cutting-edge scholarship on marriage and family structure across the generations. Specifically, we facilitate research on key questions about the effects of marriage on the health and well-being of children, adults, families, and communities as well as the influence of programs and policies on marriage.

The research themes of the NCMR include:

- The relationship between family structure and well-being for children and adults
- The family processes and resources that mediate the relationship between family structure and well-being
- The formation and maintenance of healthy marriages and relationships
- Adolescent transitions to healthy marriages in adulthood
- Pathways to family formation outside of marriage
- The roles of marriage education programs in supporting healthy marriages and the well-being of children and families

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to applicants who have completed an M.A. in a social science discipline and are a full-time student in good academic standing in a BGSU Ph.D. program at the time of the appointment, pursuing research on marriage and families. Graduate students who have not completed an M.A. may apply. Preference also will be given to those who have successfully defended a dissertation proposal; a complete (or partial) paper they wish to revise; presentation and publication activity; prior experience on research projects; and minority candidates.

Applications will be reviewed by the NCMR Co-Directors. Review criteria include: the applicant's graduate academic record; the centrality of the research questions to the mission of the NCMR; and the letter of support from the faculty mentor.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2009

Award Notification: April 15, 2009

Mail four copies of completed applications to:

The National Center for Marriage Research
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Applicants should submit four hard copies of their completed applications. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. Applications should include the following:

_____ *Cover Page and Abstract.* The applicant's contact information and P00 number, the name and contact information for the faculty mentor, and a short (200 words or less) abstract summarizing the research paper.

_____ *Research Paper Statement.* Applicants should prepare a statement (12 point font; double-spaced; 2 pages maximum, excluding title page, abstract, and references) that describes how their research interests coincide with the research themes of the NCMR. Also, the statement should include a brief discussion of who will serve as the faculty mentor, why the mentor was selected, and how the mentor will guide the assistantship.

_____ *Scholarly Writing Sample.* If the applicant proposes to extend an existing manuscript, include this document. Otherwise, include a sample of academic writing, such as a published article, draft manuscript, or dissertation chapter.

_____ *Curriculum Vitae.* At a minimum, the CV must include the applicant's contact information, education, research experience, publications, work in progress, presentations, grant activity, specialized training, and contact information for three references.

_____ *Graduate Transcript and Tentative Degree Program Checklist.* Unofficial copies are acceptable.

_____ *Letter of Support.* Applicants should request a letter of support from the faculty member who will serve as their mentor.

Questions? Email ncmr@bgsu.edu or call (419) 372-4910