GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT CENTER FOR CALIFORNIA STUDIES

Project and Expected Duties: The Center for California Studies has launched a “College-to-Capital Research Project” (CCRP), which responds to a common concern that the policymaking process often overlooks academic research relevant to the policy area. The CCRP is designed to distill and re-cast relevant academic research in a way that is more easily consumed by policymakers, and then put this research, in the form of policy briefs, in front of policymakers and their staff.

Graduate Assistants are the primary authors of the policy briefs. Duties include researching and summarizing specified policy topics (for example, prison realignment in California); identifying, reviewing, and analyzing relevant academic research on the topic; contacting local and state officials and others and conducting informational interviews to better understand specific aspects of the topic; writing a draft policy brief; responding to questions and editing a final version of the brief.

Location: The Center for California Studies is located at 3046 Tahoe Hall, near the PPA office. Much of the research work can be conducted off site, but there will be a need to attend some meetings at the Center. The Graduate Assistant will report to the Executive Director of the Center for California Studies.

Expected hours: It is expected that the Graduate Assistant would work an average of 10-20 hours per week. Total hours per project/semester is expected to be about 200.

Expected hourly pay: The pay rate will be within the standard Unit 11 range of $10.50-$15.00 per hour, depending on qualifications.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must meet CSUS Graduate Assistant eligibility requirements, including GPA, course unit, and other requirements. Successful applicants will have superior writing and researching skills.

About the Center for California Studies: Founded in 1982, the Center is a public education, public service, and applied research unit of California State University Sacramento. It possesses a unique trust: to bring the resources of the state's largest university system to the service of public discourse, civic education, and state government. Broadly, the mission of the Center is to strengthen democratic governance in California.