

Dr. Ter-Mkrtchyan in the Department of Government is seeking a dedicated and proactive graduate research assistant to join her team. The selected candidate will provide research support to projects related to **the role of public opinion in energy policy decisions broadly defined**. The Research Assistant will report directly to Dr. Ter-Mkrtchyan but will have a chance to also work with other Principal Investigators at partner universities if a long-term tenure is acquired in the project, in particular if the candidate has long-term academic ambitions. This position offers an exciting opportunity to engage in cutting-edge research and learn how to conduct research projects and present them to the scholarly community and practitioners.

Position: graduate research assistant starting Fall 2024. Salary at NMSU Master's student rate. This position also offers full tuition coverage and health insurance.

Length of commitment: One academic year: Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semesters.

Location: in-office position in the designated office in the Department for 20 hours per week. Weekly hours will be determined based on availability and class schedule from Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Responsibilities and Tasks: Support project's research efforts with identified weekly assignments. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- collecting, cleaning and managing data identified by project director
- conducting literature reviews, generating reading summaries and compiling reference lists
- drafting collaborative research papers with projects' team
- presenting research papers at academic conferences when appropriate
- Assisting in coordination of project activities and ensuring seamless communication among team members
- other duties related to project research activities.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree and Minimum 3.5 undergraduate GPA
- Acceptance to the NMSU Graduate college and Department of Government MPA or MA program.
- Proficiency in data management (preferably including experience in data analysis)
- Demonstrated expertise in data collection and presentation of findings.
- Strong analytical skills and interest in quantitative methods
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, prioritize efficiently and coordinate activities.

Application Process: To apply, please send a detailed CV and a cover letter to govdept@nmsu.edu . **Your cover letter should demonstrate your qualifications for the position and highlight your experience in relevant research areas.** Applications are due by **February 1st, 2024 for Fall 2024 start.** Feel free to email Dr. Ter-Mkrtchyan at aterm@nmsu.edu for more information.