

Dr. Ter-Mkrtchyan in the Department of Government is seeking 2-3 undergraduate research assistants and a dedicated and proactive graduate research assistant to work with her on a series of projects related to energy and environmental policy domains. The selected students will provide research support to projects related to **the role of public opinion in energy policy decisions broadly defined**. The Research Assistants 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 students have 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. Although students at various stages of progress in their degree are welcome to apply, the ideal fit for this role are students who aspire for graduate school and are currently in their first or second year of undergraduate degree.

Position type I: undergraduate research assistants starting on October 1 or soon thereafter. Starting salary will commensurate with experience, with possible gradual increases upon successful performance.

Length of commitment: Initially 2 months with the possibility of extension.

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

Responsibilities and Tasks: Undergraduate research aids will support project's research efforts. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- collecting relevant data identified by project director
- conducting literature reviews, generating reading summaries and compiling reference lists
- drafting collaborative research papers and presenting them at undergraduate research conferences (like NMSU URCAS poster sessions)
- other duties related to project research activities.

Application Process: To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter explaining your interest in this position to govdept@nmsu.edu **Applications are being considered on a rolling basis. Please apply as soon as possible for maximum consideration.** Feel free to email Dr. Ter-Mkrtchyan at aterm@nmsu.edu for more information.

Position type II: graduate research assistant starting Fall 2024. Salary at NMSU Master's student rate. 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-Mkrtyan at aterm@nmsu.edu for more information.