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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research is seeking a doctoral or master's degree student in public health, public policy, environmental sciences, statistics or a related science field to support the Principal Investigator (PI) and study team with research and administrative activities for a quasi-experimental study to examine the impact of the state and local policies on smoking behaviors more importantly on the reductions of tobacco-related disparities among vulnerable populations. The study will link existing state-, county- and city-level tobacco control policies and city-level data on social determinants of health with the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) data. The study will use a mixed-methods approach, key informant interviews with policymakers and stakeholders will also be conducted to better understand their opinions on benefits and barriers in policy adoption and enforcement.

Under the supervision of the PI, duties include data linkage, both quantitative and qualitative data analyses (e.g. developing study plans, questionnaire development, and statistical modeling), as well as project management, such as organizing and summarizing outputs from data analyses, conducting literature searches and synthesizing study findings, drafting summary reports and manuscripts, assisting the development of presentation materials, managing database and files, and organizing meetings. It is a multiple year project, GSR work may be used to fulfill graduate study requirements for doctoral or master's students.

#### **Qualifications:**

Graduate student in Community Health Sciences, Health Policy and Management, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Environmental Health Sciences, or a related field are welcome to apply. Familiarity with public health and policy research methods, survey data, and statistics are required. The details are as follows:

- Demonstrated ability to work with large data sets using software packages (e.g. SAS, STATA, R, SPSS, and Arc GIS)
- Working knowledge of sophisticated statistical modeling, such as Difference in Difference regression and interaction analyses.
- Knowledge of qualitative data collection (e.g. questionnaire design) and analyses (e.g. coding and theme development) using Atlas.ti
- Excellent technical writing and editing skills.
- Strong organizational skills and demonstrated ability to appropriately prioritize work without compromising quality of work.
- Must be detail-orientated with strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and Endnote.

**Other Details:** The position is available immediately. Salary and GSR level commensurate with education and experience. Maximum 20 hours per week during school year.

**How to Apply:** Please submit cover letter, resume and writing sample to Ying-Ying Meng at [yymeng@ucla.edu](mailto:yymeng@ucla.edu)