



Dr. Ed Bowers, from the Clemson University [Youth Development Leadership](#) program, is currently seeking qualified applicants for a Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship starting in Fall 2024. The successful applicant will work with Dr. Bowers and colleagues on a longitudinal evaluation of a camp-based mentoring program serving youth affected by the substance use disorder of a family member. The position will include a mix of research and teaching activities focusing on positive youth development, mentoring, and out-of-school time programs.

This assistantship provides a competitive stipend and includes a full tuition waiver (student fees are not covered by the waiver). Assistantships are for the 9-month academic year and cover 20 hours of work per week. Assistantships are renewable for up to 4 academic years total for Ph.D. students, contingent upon satisfactory performance. Additional support may be available during the academic year and summer months to work on grant-funded projects or to teach.

Responsibilities of the Graduate Assistant (GA) would include:

- Coordinating research activities
- Assisting with the development of quantitative and qualitative data collection protocols
- Managing data files
- Traveling to sites for data collection
- Analyzing, summarizing, and reporting data
- Generating peer-reviewed publications
- Assisting in grant writing activities
- Engaging in international and interdisciplinary research collaborations
- Presenting research findings at regional, national, and international conferences
- Completing other scholarly assignments requested by Dr. Bowers
- Assisting with or teaching undergraduate courses as assigned

Preferred Qualifications:

- Interest in the field of positive youth development
- Interest in working with youth impacted by familial substance use disorder
- Experience working in youth-serving settings such as school, afterschool, or camps
- Experience working on interdisciplinary or multi-agency projects
- Some experience using qualitative and/or quantitative social science research methods

Prospective graduate students interested in applying should email Dr. Bowers at [edmondb@clemson.edu](mailto:edmondb@clemson.edu) for more information.

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Information about the Ph.D. program may be found at  
<https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/prtm/degrees/graduate-degrees/prtm-phd.html>.

Interested prospective graduate students can submit a graduate application at  
<https://www.clemson.edu/graduate/admissions/apply/index.html>

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