

Notice of Position Available

- Position:** Research and Evaluation Graduate Student Internship,
National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA)
- Location:** Austin, Texas
- Minimum Qualifications:** We seek students who meet the following criteria:
- Enrolled in a masters or doctoral program and have completed the equivalent of one full year of graduate level coursework;
 - Have already been exposed to research methods and substantive issues in their field of expertise;
 - **Knowledge of curriculum and instructional practices in secondary and elementary schools;**
 - Have excellent oral and written communication skills;
 - Are eligible to work in the United States; and
 - Have support from his/her academic advisor.
- Essential Job Functions:** Students will work a minimum of 2-3 days per week (or ~20 hours per week) at the National Center for Educational Achievement in Austin, Texas, from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. The students may work on a single evaluation project or multiple projects, but all work will include conducting comprehensive literature reviews on current topics in the field of education.
- The goals of the R&E Graduate Student Program are as follows:
1. To enhance graduate students' skills and capacities in educational research and evaluation;
 2. Stimulate evaluation thinking by providing professional development training opportunities for graduate students; and
 3. Deepen the NCEA's capacity to conduct meaningful educational research and evaluation studies in the area of higher performing schools.
- Compensation:** Students will be paid up to \$18.00 per hour depending on experience for the duration of the program. This is not a benefits eligible position.
- Reports To:** Director of Research and Policy, NCEA
- Criteria for Selection:** The students will be selected based on their completed application and subsequent finalist interviews focusing on:
- The alignment between their skills, aspirations, locale, and placement needs;
 - The quality of academic and related experiences as preparation for the program; and
 - The capacity to complete the program assignments and expectations.
- Application Instructions:** Please submit the following via email to Janey Chaplin, jchaplin@nc4ea.org :
- Cover Letter

- Resume
- College transcripts - *(please send via U.S. mail)*
- Sample writing
- List of 3 references

About the Graduate Student Internship

The Research and Evaluation Graduate Student Program at the National Center for Educational Achievement provides paid training opportunities for the 2010-11 academic year. Students may come from a variety of disciplines. Their commonality is a background in research, applied statistics, an interest in extending their capacities to the field of educational research, and a commitment to thinking deeply about effective research and evaluation practices in real-world education settings.

About NCEA

The National Center for Educational Achievement is a department of ACT, Inc., a not-for-profit organization committed to helping people achieve education and workplace success. NCEA builds the capacity of educators and leaders to create educational systems of excellence for all students. We accomplish this by providing research-based solutions and expertise in higher performing schools, school improvement, and best practice research that lead to increased levels of college and career readiness.

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