**Sherman Center Graduate Research Assistant Job Announcement**

**Department:** Sherman Center for Early Learning in Urban Communities

**Department Description:** The multidisciplinary Sherman Center for Early Learning in Urban Communities (Sherman Center) was established to advance George and Betsy Sherman’s vision of improving learning experiences and outcomes for young children in Baltimore City. To achieve this mission, the Sherman Center connects theory, research, and practice, and schools, families, and communities to promote the educational success of children ages three through eight.

# Position Title: Sherman Center – Graduate Research Assistant

**Description of Duties:**

The Graduate Research Assistant (RA) will assist Dr. Jennifer Mata-McMahon, associate professor of early childhood education and Sherman Center Director, in carrying out several research projects.

# Specific Research Responsibilities, include:

* Provide support for the completion of research projects, including securing IRB approval
* Assist with literature review, data entry, data compilation as required, and data analysis (both qualitative and quantitative)
* Assist with the preparation of research presentations and manuscripts
* Assist with research grant proposal development and submission

\*Prior quantitative or qualitative research experience required; bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred but not required

**Hours:** This is a part-time, 12-month GA position.The successful candidate will work 10 hours/week; 20 hours of paid leave will be granted for vacation in accordance with UMBC’s Graduate School guidelines (<https://gradschool.umbc.edu/files/2020/05/GA-Handbook-Spring-2020.pdf>).

**Compensation:** The successful candidate will receive a biweekly stipend of $409.49and tuition remission of up to five credits/semester (including summer sessions)**.** Student fees and health insurance are negotiable.

**Start Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 (schedule – TBD)

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**Application:**

# Please complete the following application and return it and a current resume to Dr. Jennifer Mata-McMahon, associate professor of early childhood education and Sherman Center Director via email at jmatamcm@umbc.edu Interviews will be conducted between Monday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 25, 2021. The selected GA will be notified by Friday, August 27, and an offer response will be required by Monday, August 30, 2021.

# Full Name:

# Academic Program:

# Academic Standing (Year):

# Cell Phone Number:

# Email Address:

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# Short Answer Questions:

# Please answer the following questions briefly AND in a way that allows us to get to know you, your aspirations, and your motivations for applying for this positon.

# What motivated you to apply for this position?

# What characteristics make you uniquely qualified for the position?

# Describe your future goals. How will this experience support those goals?

# Please email your resume along with this application to [jmatamcm@umbc.edu](file:///C:\Users\msanders\Documents\Documents%20-%20Copy\ShermanProject\jmatamcm@umbc.edu).

# What is the best way to get in touch with you?

# Please indicate your availability for a 45-minute interview between Monday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 25, 2021 by listing ALL days and times you are available between 10 am - 4 pm.