Participatory Action Student Co-researcher Job Description

Massasoit Community College's Participatory Action Research (PAR) office seeks to hire student researchers to develop and engage in research and action planning related to students' experiences at Massasoit, focusing on finding ways to support student success through student-curated research, recommendations, and action. Student researchers will be trained to conduct research using a variety of formats, including but not limited to surveys, focus groups, roundtable discussions, one-on-one interviews, and qualitative and quantitative data analysis. Student researchers will receive ongoing, collaborative

guidance from the full-time PAR Coordinator.

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Typical Duties:

- Works with a team of other MCC PAR student researchers, faculty, and staff to develop and execute research projects, including refining research questions, determining project parameters, setting project timelines, and finding research subjects.
- Collects data through complex techniques and procedures, library research, structured interviews, or other project-specific methodology.
- Interprets, synthesizes, and analyzes data and manages relevant research software (software training provided).
- Schedules, organizes, and regularly reports on the status of research activities.
- Plans and modifies research techniques, procedures, tests, and equipment as needed.
- Writes and edits materials for publication and presentation.
- Attends PAR Institute training, seminars, tutoring sessions, academic guidance, and other supplemental offerings as scheduled.
- Tracks work hours and completes an online timesheet regularly.
- Meets with supervisor regularly to maintain ongoing communication regarding the quality of the assistant's performance.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Job Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in the Massasoit SUCCESS scholar program. Check here for information about how to join the SUCCESS program: https://massasoit.edu/student-services/student-support-programs/success/
- 2. Students need to be enrolled at least ½ time (6 Credits) to be eligible to work. Students must provide at least one academic or work reference.
- 3. Students must complete the training provided by the PAR coordinator.



- 4. Training: Ongoing training in research ethics, theory, methods, and analysis will be provided.
- 5. Students must be able to commit to 8 hours per week.
- 6. Students must be able to <u>commit to being on time</u> and completing assigned tasks.
- 7. Students must have a willingness to learn new skills in a supportive environment.

Skills/Abilities:

- -A desire to work collaboratively with other student co-researchers on all aspects of the research process, including but not limited to research methods and ethics training, team meetings, academic check-ins, as well as career readiness and interview skills workshops.
- -Willingness to engage in dialogue with other students, faculty, staff, and the community to conduct research in a variety of formats. Strong interpersonal skills.
- Ability to communicate clearly in person and in writing.
- Oral/written communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.
- -A willingness to think critically about technical and methodological issues that arise during the research.
- Willingness to learn how to apply the provided training to implement learned techniques, methodology, and logical critical analysis.
- -Willingness to help the PAR Team present research findings at educational research conferences locally, nationally, and abroad.
- -Must be keen to work on helping to draft research reports and documentation for future publication.

Wages:

-This position pays minimum wage as set by the State of Massachusetts, effective January 1, 2023. The minimum wage is \$15.00 (Mass.gov)

Work Schedule:

F25 Tuesday and Wednesday late afternoons and some Saturday events.