



NAU's West Valley **Grow Your Own (GYO)** partnership is designed to recruit, develop, and retain teachers who are already within the community. Prospective students are connected to the school and/or community and have a desire to be a teacher and work in one of the partner school districts. Through the NAU **GYO** partnership and initiative, we are developing a model for implementing GYO partnerships and programs as well as investigating the benefits and challenges to this model. We are seeking a Graduate Research Assistant (GA) for the 2024-2025 academic year to support the initiative.

During the 2024-2025, we will be refining appropriate instruments for data collection, collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data, and reporting on results. We will continue working on and supporting current research within the initiative, including conducting a literature review, tracking participants, measuring and analyzing data, and interpreting results that can lead to publication. We will also be seeking and completing grant applications to continue and/or expand the GYO initiative.

This Graduate Research Assistant position requires 20 hours of work per week.

Duties:

1. . Data collection
2. . Data organization
3. . Read, organize, and prepare literature reviews
4. . Maintain and organize timelines and objectives for ongoing research
5. . Academic writing and collaboration on publications/grant writing
6. . Perform supportive activities for grant proposals, research, and presentations
7. . Help with communication or coordinate meetings with partner organizations with similar goals

Minimum qualification:

1. . Full-time graduate degree student
2. . Successfully passed a graduate level statistic class and/or qualitative research class
3. . Write at an appropriate academic level
4. . Proficient using virtual collaborative technology
5. . Ability to determine accurate and reliable research articles, journals, and dissertations

Preferred Qualifications:

1. . Full-time doctoral student within education or related field
2. . Experience with qualitative and quantitative instrumentation and data collection procedures

3. · Interested in K-8 education and issues related to Arizona's and the nation's severe teacher shortage
4. · Understanding of current academic policies and procedures within K-12

If you are interested in applying for this Graduate Research Assistant position, please email a short statement outlining your interest and qualifications, a copy of the resume or Vita, and the names of two people who can provide a reference for you to Dr. Thomas Weaver (Thomas.Weaver@nau.edu) by or before Sunday, April 14.