

## **Graduate Assistantship in Community and Regional Planning (two positions)**

**Position 1.)** Applications are invited for a 12-month graduate assistantship as part of the "Investing in bicycle infrastructure to spur statewide economic growth through bicycle tourism" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The College of Architecture, Community and Regional Planning program (<https://architecture.unl.edu/degree-programs/community-and-regional-planning>) has received funding to conduct an economic impact study of what Nebraska could gain by investing in bicycle tourism. This study will include looking at other states as case studies and then using a specialized economic impact software to determine economic benefits to Nebraska. The final report will also include specific recommendations for how the Nebraska Department of Transportation (<https://dot.nebraska.gov/>) can better support bicycling.

The position is established for a period of one year. Continuation of this position contingent upon semester reviews of satisfactory performance of assigned duties. Position includes a stipend, health insurance, and tuition remission. The start date for the position would be no earlier than August 15, 2019. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Candidates for this position should possess a strong disciplinary background in community engagement and social sciences. Optimally, the student would pursue graduate coursework in community and regional planning through the MCRP program in the College of Architecture, Community and Regional Planning program, though other UNL graduate programs may be possible options. Prior experience working with communities and stakeholders in Nebraska is highly desirable.

Please submit inquiries about the position to Daniel Piatkowski at [dpiatkowski2@unl.edu](mailto:dpiatkowski2@unl.edu). To apply, applicants should email a letter of interest describing their background, interest, qualifications, and future goals, a resume/curriculum vitae, 2 writing samples, and names of 3 references to Dr. Piatkowski via email.

**Position 2.)** Applications are invited for an 18-month graduate research assistantship as part of the "Preparing for a driverless future" project supported by funding from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (<https://dot.nebraska.gov/>) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (<https://unl.edu>). This project will entail a mixed-methods study where the graduate research assistant will interview farmers in Nebraska about how they use automated farm equipment. This information will be used to understand if there are lessons for preparing for driverless cars on roads. The team in Community and Regional Planning (<https://architecture.unl.edu/degree-programs/community-and-regional-planning>) will then send out a statewide survey to obtain opinions from Nebraska residents about driverless technology and their willingness to use it. The final report will include recommendations for how planners and policy-makers can prepare for these new technologies.

The position is established for a period of eighteen months. Continuation of this position is contingent upon semester reviews of satisfactory performance of assigned duties. Position includes a stipend, health insurance, and tuition remission. The start date for the position would be no earlier than August 15, 2019. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

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