

Department: **Seawolf Scholars**

Working Title: **Seawolf Scholars Program Graduate Assistant**

Classification: **Graduate Assistant**

Number of Openings: **1**

Pay Rate: **\$20.00 per hour**

Appointment: **Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 – Not to exceed 9hrs per week**

Expected Dates of Employment: **August 18, 2025 – May 29, 2026 (Academic Year of 2025-2026)**

Deadline to Apply: **Open until filled**

Requisition #: **SWS\_GA\_2526**

## **DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

Directly support the mental health and emotional well-being of system impacted youth, such as, current/former foster youth, wards of the court, emancipated minors, unaccompanied youth and independent by appeal students enrolled in the Seawolf Scholars program. Work closely with Program Director and campus partners to develop and implement a mental health and wellness series, which may include in-person workshops and digital resources. Incorporate qualitative research through interviews to ensure programing reflects their needs and experiences. Additional responsibilities include updating the program website and marketing materials to promote wellness initiatives and resources.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Knowledge of the subject matter of the discipline in which assigned. Ability to relate well to others within the academic environment; ability to supervise, assist and train students; and ability to assist faculty in the conduct of special projects or research within the discipline. For initial appointment, evidence of satisfactory achievement in previous academic work; for the subsequent appointments, evidence of satisfactory progress toward completion of degree. Education equivalent to completion of the requirements for a bachelor's degree and registration in a University graduate degree program; students enrolled in credential programs are not eligible for this position. NOTE: Exceptions to the minimum eligibility qualifications may be granted at the sole discretion of the University.

## **HIRING CRITERIA**

Must be enrolled in SSU counseling graduate program, or related field. Lived experienced highly preferred, not required, particularly from individuals who have navigated similar systems or challenges.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Submit your resume and a one-paragraph description of why you are a good candidate for this position and email Shelly Gomez, [gomezs@sonoma.edu](mailto:gomezs@sonoma.edu). Priority consideration will be given to those applications submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **HIRING NOTIFICATION**

You will be notified by email.

## **SUPERVISOR**

Shelly Gomez, EOP and Seawolf Scholars Program Director.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- The classification, Graduate Assistant, is one of three classifications in a collective bargaining unit, Unit 11. The Graduate Assistant classification provides currently enrolled or admitted University graduate students the opportunity to assist faculty or teaching staff by performing various professional and technical duties associated generally with the subjects or program which the Graduate Assistant is doing graduate work.
- Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee's identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.
- The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.
- This position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.
- Successful candidates may be required to do a background check (including a criminal records check) before work in the position can begin.

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