

Department: **MESA, School of Science & Technology**

Working Title: **MESA Fellow (Summer Undergraduate Researcher)**

Classification: **Instructional Student Assistant**

Number of Openings: **7**

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

Appointment: **up to 25 hours per week**

Expected Dates of Employment: **Start Date: Monday, June 3, 2024; End Date: Friday, August 16, 2024**

Deadline to Apply: **Friday, April 12, 2024**

Requisition #: **MESA\_ISA\_2324\_2**

## **DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

As a MESA Fellow, you can expect the following:

- A 10-weeks research project
- Regular check-ins with your Principal Investigator (Faculty Member)
- Bi-weekly check-ins with MESA Lead and other MESA Fellows
- Submit and present a final research poster at the MESA Fellows Summer Research Mini Symposium (date TBD)
- MESA Fellows will work up to 25 hours per week for 10 weeks at \$20.00 per hour
  - Start Date: Monday, June 3, 2024
  - End Date: Friday, August 16, 2024
- Principal Investigators (P.I) will receive a \$1,000 stipend at the end of the summer
  - \$250 is available for research materials

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

The ability to learn and perform assigned work; work cooperatively with faculty, staff, and other students; and accept responsibility. Completion of specific coursework may be required in order to teach, grade, complete research, or tutor for a course. Admission or registration as a University student. Note: Exceptions to the minimum eligibility qualifications may be granted at the sole discretion of the University.

## **HIRING CRITERIA**

Students must be current undergraduate students in the MESA program. Students graduating this spring or summer are not eligible. Students must work with a Sonoma State Faculty when conducting their research.

In the selection process, preferences will be given to the following:

- First time applicants

- Students with no summer research experiences
- Students who have been a MESA member in Fall 2023 and earlier
- Sophomore and Junior standing
- Students working with a faculty member within the School of Science & Technology

## HOW TO APPLY

The application closes on **Friday, April 12, 2024**. Students interested in participating in this summer research program will need to:

- Complete the application (Google Form) that includes:
  - Project details. The description should include the research topic, research questions and proposed research methods.
  - Identify a Principal Investigator who currently serves as a faculty member at Sonoma State University
- Principal Investigators supporting a MESA Fellow will need to (via Google Form)
  - Provide an approximation of what facilities and materials will be required for the proposed project
  - Submit a Letter of Support on the student's behalf that includes:
    - Confirmation that the student and the P.I. have discussed the proposed project
    - Confirmation that the P.I. has or can acquire the facilities and materials necessary for the proposed project

Link to Google Form application: <https://forms.gle/D8wJmrWmJ35JrAQQ6>

## HIRING NOTIFICATION

Selected MESA Fellows will be notified via email at the end of April and announced at the MESA End of Year event.

## SUPERVISOR

Christina Thao ([thaoch@sonoma.edu](mailto:thaoch@sonoma.edu))

## OTHER INFORMATION

- The classification, Instructional Student Assistant, is one of three classifications in a collective bargaining unit, Unit 11. Instructional Student Assistants, who must be currently enrolled University students, perform tutoring, grading, or teaching-related duties under the supervision of faculty or professional staff.
- 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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