

**Position Summary:****Title:** Graduate Assistant**Hours per Week:** 10 hours/week**Department:** Public Health**Location:** Portland Gorham LAC Online/Distance**Duration:** Full Academic Year\* Fall Semester Summer Semester Spring Semester*\*This position is only from September 2024 through March 2025.***Total Stipend:** \$3,500**Monthly Stipend:** \$500**Scholarship Amount:** \$2,000 (in-state) / \$2,000 (out-of-state)**Supervisor Name:** Katherine Ahrens**Supervisor Email:** [katherine.ahrens@maine.edu](mailto:katherine.ahrens@maine.edu)**Supervisor Phone:** 207-780-4847**Position Details:****Statement of Job and Essential Functions:**

The graduate student will work 10 hours a week with Dr. Ahrens as a research assistant on an NIH funded research grant titled: "Maternal Health Care Utilization and Morbidity: The First 24 Months". The student will receive a stipend (\$3,500) plus tuition assistance (\$2,000) for the academic year (September 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025).

In this position, the student will assist with the following activities for this research project: literature reviews and synthesis, using Excel to create tables and figures, writing (or helping to write) SQL code to identify deliveries and relevant pregnancy-related and postpartum claims data, and writing (or helping to write) SAS code to run descriptive statistics and regression models. The student will also have the opportunity to write up findings for poster presentations and peer-reviewed publications. The goal is for the student to serve as the lead author on a poster and/or academic manuscript.

The topic of this poster and/or manuscript will be mutually decided upon, but must fall within the scope of the NIH grant. See here for more details on this grant:

<https://reporter.nih.gov/search/cTqhgaHn7UGJcwKaEaLRVQ/project-details/10113976>

**Supervisory Responsibilities:**

None

**Budget Responsibilities:**

None

**Public and Professional Activities Related to Job Performance:**

See above

**Internal Contacts:**

Katherine Ahrens

**External Contacts:**

See above

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Knowledge: Clinical knowledge of maternal health during pregnancy and postpartum, epidemiology, biostatistics.

Skills: SAS, SQL, Excel, EndNote

Abilities: Clear, compelling, and succinct writing style.

**Required Qualifications:**

Interest in maternal health, desire to conduct an analysis and present findings, attention to detail, and experience analyzing data.

Must not be a University of Maine System employee.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

Experience using SAS, SQL, Excel, or other statistical software. Excellent writing and communication skills. Excellent at time management. Positive attitude.

**To Apply:**

Submit your resume and cover letter via email to Katherine Ahrens ([katherine.ahrens@maine.edu](mailto:katherine.ahrens@maine.edu)) by 8/1/2024.