Highlighting USM’s Role in the North Atlantic
Graduate Assistant Position for Spring 2016, with potential continuation in Summer 2016 and Academic Year 2016-2017

Background: As the direct result of Eimskip’s growing relationship with Portland and the University of Maine, a delegation of faculty and administrators traveled to Iceland in October 2015 to explore the potential for establishing long term relationships with academic, government and private institutions; the goal was to provide USM students and faculty with international academic, research, economic development, and cultural experiences that would directly benefit the state of Maine. The outcomes of the trip to Iceland have been achieved: USM faculty have received financial support to begin working with institutions in Iceland to develop and implement student and faculty exchange programs as early as summer 2016, and USM is preparing for a series of public events on and off campus over the next 18 months that will highlight USM’s and Maine’s cultural, economic, environmental and educational relationships with Iceland and countries in the North Atlantic region. A key milestone will be events leading to the fall 2016 meeting of the Arctic Council in Portland.

Assistantship Description: The Cutler Institute has two graduate research assistant positions available for the spring 2016 semester, summer 2016 and the 2016-2017 Academic Year to support Cutler staff in the development and implementation of these events. Examples of potential and existing projects that the student may work on are:

1. Work with Cutler staff to design, plan, and execute a lecture and film series about the North Atlantic to develop public awareness; includes literature review/research
2. Work alongside Cutler staff to align and coordinate events with the Maine International Trade Center
3. Work with Cutler staff to design and execute follow-up events from the Arctic Circle meeting in October 2016

Assistantship Details

Location: Wishcamper Center, USM Portland
Hours: 20 hours per week
Compensation: $1,000 per month and tuition waiver
Contact: Maggie Vishneau (contact information, see below)

Qualifications sought:

- Student in a Master’s Program as the University of Southern Maine
- Research and analytical skills (primarily qualitative, quantitative skills a plus)
- Interest in economic, workforce, and/or sustainable development policy and planning
- Proficient computer skills with Word, Microsoft Excel
- Strong written presentation skills and ability to communicate clearly, concisely, using data
- Ability to self-motivate, work independently, and set own priorities.
How to Apply

Deadline: January 15, 2016

Application package:
- Cover letter detailing your interest and qualifications
- Resume or CV
- Writing sample (a course paper is fine, looking for quality and structure over quantity)

Send to:
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Prospective start date: February 1, 2016

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