SLS Seeks Graduate Research Assistant – Equitable & Sustainable Development  
Spring/Summer 2020

The Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain (SLS) seeks to hire a graduate student to work during Spring 2020 as a Graduate Research Assistant, with the possibility of continuing in Summer 2020 as a GRA or Tech Temp.

Responsibilities:

iGniTe SLS Summer Session: Equitable & Sustainable Development
Assist with planning and coordination of this SLS program, offered during Short Summer session, June 17 to July 21. The role entails working under the supervision of SLS’s Service-Learning and Partnerships Specialist, and collaborating with Summer Session staff and with course instructors, to:

• Coordinate and lead or assist with leading experiential learning opportunities across and within courses (e.g., field trips, workshops, reflections, active learning activities) that provide students with transdisciplinary perspectives on the Equitable & Sustainable Development theme
• Improve program framework and teaching materials based on assessment results from programs offered the past two summers, to advance and deepen transdisciplinary learning

VIP: Building for Equity and Sustainability
Assist the SLS Director with research and coordination involved in launching and coordinating this new VIP research team, an outgrowth of SLS-led work on the Equity Petal of the new Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design (aka GT Living Building). The VIP brings together faculty, staff, and students from multiple schools and units to conduct action research on the Kendeda Building and surrounding communities, with a special focus on West Atlanta. The VIP is open to undergraduate and graduate students. Ideally, the GRA will register for the VIP. See registration information here.

Qualifications:

• Social science background
• Experience with qualitative and quantitative methods
• Strong research and written communication skills
• Experience working in sustainability and equity/justice (action and/or research), esp. related to built environment/infrastructure
• Interest and preferably experience in project management and teaching

Hours and Compensation:

• 15 hrs/wk from the week of January 6 through the week of April 20 for Spring 2020 semester. 15 hrs/wk from the week of May 11 through the week of July 27 (start and end dates for summer are negotiable) for the Summer 2020 period.
• Students who are enrolled in courses are hired as GRAs. Spring semester work would be a monthly salary based on standard Georgia Tech GRA compensation rates. Graduate students who are not enrolled in summer courses are hired as Tech Temps. Tech Temp summer compensation would be an hourly rate negotiated based on experience and degree candidacy but would be commensurate with the monthly GRA salary from Spring 2020 work.
• Eligible GRAs may request a tuition waiver from their home unit. TUITION WAIVERS ARE NOT GUARANTEED FOR THIS POSITION AND ARE DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY. GRA will be responsible for inquiring about and coordinating a tuition waiver with their home unit, but SLS will provide any necessary information needed to assist in processing the waiver.

How to Apply: DEADLINE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 5PM
Please submit a brief email of interest, names and contact information of two references (one should be your adviser unless you are an incoming student), and your CV or resume to Jennifer Hirsch, SLS Director, at serve-learn-sustain@gatech.edu. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

About the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain: Serve-Learn-Sustain (SLS) is Georgia Tech’s new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a key component of the Institute’s 2015 SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation. It engages all six colleges and
units across campus to develop opportunities for students to engage in curricular and experiential learning opportunities focused on the theme, “creating sustainable communities.” More broadly, SLS works to make sustainable communities work a key focus at Tech, bringing together research, teaching, and practice. Learn More: Serve-Learn-Sustain website: http://serve-learn-sustain.gatech.edu/