Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)

FEAST Lab

Feeding, Engagement, and Access in Speech-Language Therapy

Department of Health Sciences, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, Middle Tennessee State University

Supervisor: Kendra Rosales, PhD, CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor

Appointment: Full time; 20 hours per week

Start: January 2027 (Spring semester)

Location: On campus

About the Lab

The FEAST Lab examines relationships among food insecurity, parent engagement, and children's participation in pediatric feeding and speech-language therapy services. Current projects include a replication study, a secondary analysis of an existing dataset on parenting styles and type of therapy, and manuscript and grant preparation.

Duties

- Participant recruitment, scheduling, and data collection, including surveys and video recording of sessions
- Data entry, cleaning, and management in Excel, SPSS, or R
- Observational coding of session video using established protocols
- Literature searches and support for manuscripts, IRB materials, conference presentations, and grant applications
- Support for protocol development and training materials
- Maintaining confidentiality of participant information and following approved human subjects procedures

Required Qualifications

- Full and unconditional admission to an MTSU graduate program
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (master's/Ed.S.) or 3.25 GPA (doctoral), maintained throughout the appointment
- Enrollment in at least 6 graduate credit hours per semester
- Strong organizational and communication skills; reliability and attention to detail

Preferred Qualifications

Applicants are not expected to meet every preferred qualification.

- Enrollment in a graduate program in public health, psychology, or a related field
- Undergraduate background in speech-language pathology or a related field
- Proficiency in spoken and written Spanish
- Completed CITI human subjects training, or willingness to complete it before starting
- Experience with Excel, SPSS, or R

Compensation

Monthly stipend based on degree level for a 20-hour appointment. Current rates are listed on the College of Graduate Studies Graduate Assistantship Financial Breakdown page: https://www.mtsu.edu/graduate/gafin/. The assistantship covers graduate tuition, the debt service fee, and the technology fee; the assistant is responsible for all other fees.

How to Apply

Submit the Department of Health Sciences GRA Application and a current resume/CV to Dr. Kendra Rosales at Kendra.Rosales@mtsu.edu. Questions may be directed to Dr. Rosales at the same email or (615) 494-7756.

Priority deadline: November 1, 2026; applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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