

# **United States Air Force Academy Graduate Student Practicum Experience Position Description**

## **Educational Objectives:**

The primary objective of this practicum is to provide graduate students with hands-on experience working with Academy cadets and faculty through the USAFA Center for Educational Innovation. This center includes the following programs: Academy Scholars; Scholarship of Teaching and Learning; Academic Assessment; Instructional Design; Educational Technology; Faculty Development. This breadth of programming allows for a wide range of learning opportunities which would include planning for and delivering events across all programs.

## **Specific Responsibilities:**

Practicum students will assist all directorates in the center by attending meetings, developing programming, marketing programming, implementing programming, assessing programming, working with faculty and working with cadets. Depending on the individual's skill set and interest area, s/he may work more heavily with certain directorates, and throughout the time of the practicum, s/he may work on several specific projects. Student will work with cadets by supporting the Scholars Program courses and in the Academic Success Center where cadets attend programming and tutoring designed to support their success. The Academic Success Center is not part of the Center for Educational Innovation, but there is collaboration between both areas that can be leveraged to give practicum students the most beneficial experience.

## **Supervision:**

The position will report to the Deputy Department Head of the Center of Educational Innovation with additional support and mentorship from other relevant directorates within the Academy.

## **Appointment Length, Dates and Hours:**

This position is designed as a one semester position, but there is flexibility to adjust the timeframe. Ideally, the student will have some flexibility with scheduling, but the Center will work with each individual to make sure his/her schedule can work with the center needs. Due to the nature of the position, there will be a minimum of 20 hours of additional training required by the Federal Government, most of which will need to be completed prior to beginning in the position.

## **Qualifications:**

- Must be enrolled in a graduate program at UCCS
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

**To Apply:**

Set up an informational interview with Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Vollmer, via email at [patricia.vollmer@usafa.edu](mailto:patricia.vollmer@usafa.edu). This interview may include other members of the United States Air Force Academy faculty and staff. A federal background check will be required for the practicum, and assignment to this location is contingent on applicants passing that background check.