



GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL SOCIOLOGY

A Graduate Research Assistantship in the [Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology \(DAERS\)](#) at [Auburn University](#) is currently available to a qualified and highly motivated candidate interested in agrifood system governance. This project will focus on the formal and informal rules that create barriers and/or provide opportunities for “alternative” or “sustainable” agrifood sector producers, their families, and the communities in which they live, as well as consumers.

This assistantship will provide at least **two years of funding and a tuition waver** contingent upon successful academic and work performance. The appointment may start as early as Spring 2009.

Expectations

- Use multiple methods of data collection and analysis such as face-to-face interviews, archival research, and surveys, as well as ethnographic, content, and statistical analysis.
- Periodic overnight travel for data collection and associated activities, as well as the presentation of research results.
- Prepare manuscripts and presentations for academic and outreach audiences.

Minimum Qualifications

- An interest in alternative/sustainable agrifood production, processing, distribution, marketing, and consumption.
- At least a completed BS/BA degree by the time of the appointment.
- Strong writing, analytical, and communication skills.
- Ability to work and to travel independently.
- If not currently enrolled, the candidate must be admitted to a graduate degree program at Auburn University.

Application Process

- Please submit a letter of interest that details your qualifications including your GPA and GRE scores, as well as a statement of your interests and goals as they relate to alternative/sustainable agrifood system governance and related topical areas. Please also submit a copy of your transcripts, C.V., and three letters of recommendations to:

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- Information regarding application to The Graduate School and DEARS can be found at <http://www.grad.auburn.edu/> and <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/agec/grad/>, respectively.
- Review of applications is on-going and will continue until a suitable candidate has been found.