

Research Assistant Opportunity

Project name: Kansas Food Policy Project

Project description: Food Policy Councils (FPCs) are organizations that bring together representatives from across the food system to assess their food system, coordinate programs, foster relationships, and advise on policy. The Kansas Health Foundation is funding capacity-building activities for FPCs across Kansas as well as a state-level convening group with the ultimate goal of improving access to healthy foods in the state. The Foundation is funding Dr. Larissa Calancie to conduct an evaluation of the 3-year project.

Role: Assist Dr. Calancie with the following research and evaluation tasks:

- Develop an excel macro to automate the process of creating feedback reports for councils that summarize survey results from their council members (experience with excel macros is helpful but not required)
- Tracking status of feedback reports
- Tracking distribution of incentives
- Qualitative interviews – scheduling and conducting interviews, managing transcription of interviews
- Qualitative data analysis – coding interview transcripts in Dedoose
- Processing social network analysis data & producing network diagrams using software (Kumu, R, Gephi, or another program)
- Finding and using existing data to assess the impact councils are having in their communities
- Preparing evaluation reports
- Preparing manuscript(s) as a co-author
- Other tasks that may arise

Experience with any of the tasks listed above is preferred, but not necessary. This position offers opportunities to learn new information and skills with mentoring and support along the way. Familiarity with FPCs or other kinds of community-based coalitions/networks, community-engaged research, and food policy (especially in Kansas) is helpful.

Hours per week: 4

Pay: \$20/hr

Position duration: 1 – 2.5 years (negotiable and flexible); work can be conducted remotely