Research Assistant
Center for Leadership Simulation and Gaming

The Center for Leadership Simulation and Gaming at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy is seeking a motivated, creative, and versatile individual to work as a research assistant (RA). The RA will support center faculties, researchers, staff, and developers in designing and executing a wide range of simulations, experiments, and games. The center conducts a variety of participatory simulations and experiments to conduct research and education in leadership and public policy. Topics and tools used include the U.S. healthcare system, infectious diseases, crisis management, designing a market in a complex environment, political institutions and voting rules, behavioral biases, judgement and decision making, negotiations, cost-benefit analysis, auctions, game theory, etc.

This position can be taken for credit or for wage. Hours are flexible from 5 to 20 hours per week. It is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

The ideal candidate will have:

• Background knowledge in social sciences (economics, psychology, public policy, political science, finance, education, etc.) or fields related to simulations (computer science, physics, systems engineering, etc.).
• Experience in an experimental lab (economics, psychology, etc.) will be beneficial but not required.
• Programming or simulation experience is not required but helpful.
• Interest in utilizing simulations and experiments to educate students and conduct analysis.
• Enjoy solving problems and playing games.

As a RA, you will get first-hand experiences in simulation and experiment development, program management, wide range of leadership and public policy topics, and conducting cutting edge research and education. Experience from this position will help you in applying for both professional positions and graduate school.

Examples of your duties working as an all-purpose RA for the center: help brainstorm in developing simulations and experiments, assist in planning and executing events, alpha and beta testing, collect data and conduct background research, create contents for simulations, support office’s daily functions, etc. This position is flexible depending on the RA’s ability.

How to apply: please send your resume and a short cover letter to administrative coordinator: adrianbraun@virginia.edu

We will consider application on a rolling basis.

For more information about our center, visit our website at: http://batten.virginia.edu/clsg