Graduate Assistant for SERVE (Shaping Experiential Research for Veteran Education) Program

Minimum Qualifications
1. Currently admitted to the Graduate School in a STEM Field
2. Be a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
3. Be in good academic standing
4. Be registered full-time for the respective semester (nine semester credit hours during the fall semester, nine semester credit hours during spring semester), or in the required number of semester credit hours to fulfill the only remaining requirements on the degree plan.

Preferred
In addition to graduate Engineering or STEM research, the student should be interested research related to the effectiveness of STEM education programs for veterans.

Discipline Specific Required Qualifications
The Graduate Assistant assistantship award is available to master’s and doctoral students who are assigned to a specific faculty member. Duties are split into two categories.

1. Duties related to SERVE (Shaping Experiential Research for Veteran Education), a veteran’s program in partnership between UT Knoxville and UNC Charlotte. These duties will include but are not limited to:
   a. Working with faculty and preparing URE (Undergraduate Research Experiences) projects at UTK.
   b. Planning travel between UTK and UNCC for program participants
   c. Planning and coordinating housing for student participants at UTK
   d. Assisting evaluation team with gathering information on program participants
   e. Working with communications on developing and publishing marketing material on program
   f. Giving program orientations and holding interest meetings to veteran undergraduate students
   g. Co-authoring research papers (Engineering and/or Education) with faculty

These duties will be a small portion of the GRA hours during the normal semesters (~5 hrs/wk) but will be more substantial during the summer months (~15 hrs/wk) including several trips between UTK and UNCC to monitor the progress of the program.

2. Duties related to the student’s field of study and will vary depending upon the project and assigned responsibilities.

The appointment is limited to a maximum of twenty (20) hours per week and can start immediately. A tuition waiver is included along with a stipend.

Applicants should submit letters of interest to Bruce LaMattina (blamatti@utk.edu).