

NC Office of Strategic Partnerships
Doctoral Associate opportunity and position description (open until filled)

The [North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships](#) (OSP) develops, launches, and enhances partnerships between state government and North Carolina's research and philanthropic sectors. This includes elevating the State's internal capacity to use and generate evidence in its policy and programmatic functions.

OSP accomplishes this in part by building and enhancing collaborative networks of public officials, research partners, and partners from philanthropy and the nonprofit sector broadly. We prioritize partnerships that are scalable, sustainable, and develop public, open-source resources. OSP is housed in the NC Office of State Budget and Management, which includes data-driven and evidence-based decision making among its priorities.

OSP seeks a Doctoral Associate for the 2022-2023 academic year. The ideal candidate will have ideas for how to apply their training and expertise to state government in alignment with OSP's core work developing and launching partnerships among state government and North Carolina's research and philanthropic sectors, and elevating the State's internal capacity to use and generate evidence in its policy and programmatic functions. The Doctoral Associate will contribute to OSP's ongoing work in ways that complement the Associate's expertise and interests. The Associate should be interested and able to work across agencies and diverse policy areas.

The Doctoral Associate should be a currently enrolled PhD student or candidate in any field. Prior experience conducting policy-relevant research or otherwise working with government is not required.

Apply by sending a cover letter and CV to partnerships@osbm.nc.gov, with the subject line "Doctoral Associate application [Last name] [First name]." Please also contact that email with any questions.

Qualifications:

- NC resident currently enrolled in a PhD program (any field)

Responsibilities:

- Identify opportunities in state government to apply their own interests and expertise in ways that are aligned with OSP's core work
- Assist OSP and partners (state agencies, colleges and universities, others) with analyzing and interpreting data
- Help develop and strengthen partnerships between state government and academia
- Help generate evidence for use in state government decision-making
- Other duties as assigned

Core Competencies:

- Knowledge of common research methodologies
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Self-motivated and able to work independently
- Able to work with diverse people with range of perspectives
- Adaptable and able to succeed in fast-paced environment
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Able to synthesize disparate information effectively
- Effective project management skills

Additional Competencies:

- Experience cleaning, analyzing, and interpreting data

Time: Ideally a candidate would be able to commit to a full-time (40 hours/week) position for the 2022-2023 academic year. OSP will also consider candidates who are able to commit to the position for one semester and/or part-time for a year.

Pay: This is a paid position. Details depend on available sources of funding, which may include OSP and the candidate's college/university.