

Graduate Research Assistant
University of Utah Prison Education Project
2024-2025

Through a commitment to social transformation, the University of Utah Prison Education Project (UPEP) advances educational equity through on-site higher education, empirical research, and advocacy. We engage a bachelor's degree program, credit- and non-credit-bearing coursework, general academic programming, and arts enrichment with incarcerated adults at the Utah State Correctional Facility. You can learn more about the project [here](#).

Position Description:

The Graduate Research Assistant will be responsible for facilitating weekly on-site operations at the prison, communication with UPEP students and staff, and xxx.

The ELP Graduate Research Assistant Must:

- Have exceptional attention to detail and the ability to successfully manage multiple tasks.
- Be able to successfully pass a criminal background check required for entering the prison.
- Have a valid driver's license.
- Have reliable transportation to drive to the prison.
- Be able to be on-site at the prison at least three times per week.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and help facilitate weekly schedules at the prison.
- Serve as key contact for UPEP instructors and staff when problems arise; work collaboratively to address problems in real time.
- Serve as a representative of the UPEP program with the Utah Department of Corrections and on-site college programs.
- Other responsibilities as assigned by UPEP leadership team.

The ELP Graduate Research Assistant Can Expect to:

- Learn how to and practice effective communication across multiple stakeholders with different values.
- Apply theoretical and philosophical commitment to education.

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Tuition Benefits eligible, \$24,000/academic year stipend. Supervised by UPEP Manager, Daycy Gomez.