

TENNESSEE READING RESEARCH CENTER



NOW HIRING

The TN Reading Research Center is hiring a student writer to support an IES-funded grant project on middle school reading instruction. This person will use their familiarity with middle school science and social studies topics to help develop fact-based reading passages. Some passages will be nonfiction, and others will be fiction. All will include topic-specific vocabulary and must adhere to parameters for word count, difficulty level, and the use of similar words across each set of four passages.

Pay is \$12 per hour for undergraduates or \$15 per hour for graduate students. The expected time commitment is 10-12 hours of work per week.

While working on this job, students will:

- Gain experience working in a professional environment
- Be a contributing member of a small team at a center dedicated to improving the literacy skills of middle school students in Tennessee
- Practice transferable job skills such as attention, focus, organization, and time management
- Receive feedback on their performance

Responsibilities:

- Write sets of 4 short passages about a given topic, using creativity to vary each passage while including the same words
- Revise passages based on feedback from supervisor and other staff
- Write a comprehension question for each passage to check for understanding
- Write a writing prompt for each set of passages
- Meet daily and weekly goals for passages written/revised per week
- Arrive to work on time, ready to work, and dressed appropriately (business casual)
- Maintain professional conduct within the work environment
- Other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- Strong writing and editing ability
- Attention to detail
- Experience writing creatively
- Experience writing for a variety of audiences
- Ability to accept feedback and adapt your writing style accordingly
- A strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Must be currently enrolled as a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience writing for children and adolescents
- Knowledge of appropriate reading levels for children and adolescents
- Familiarity with middle school science, social studies, and ELA standards
- Experience writing content for reading or assessments



Interested candidates should send application materials (resume and cover letter) to Noah Crusenberry at ncrusenb@utk.edu.