



JOB DESCRIPTION

New University in Exile Consortium, Co-led Online Seminar Teaching Assistant

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The [New University in Exile Consortium](#) (the Consortium) is an expanding group of [33 universities and colleges](#) in the US, Canada, Germany, Jordan, and South Africa, publicly committed to the belief that the academic community has both the responsibility and capacity to assist persecuted and endangered scholars. The Consortium's mission is to nurture exiled endangered scholars from around the world who have been persecuted and uprooted, and who have been forced to flee severe and targeted threats to their lives or careers. We endeavor to do this by creating an active, thriving, intellectual community for these scholars. Each Consortium member is committed to hosting at least one exiled scholar, and in our first two years, we have hosted anthropologists, economists, political scientists, psychologists, and sociologists, from countries including Azerbaijan, Cambodia, India, Iran, Syria, Turkey, and Ukraine. The Consortium's main work is to lessen the profound loss of identity and dislocation from which exiled scholars suffer, and which severely impacts their professional lives. Through programming, we connect scholars with one another and with the communities at our member schools.

Co-led Online Seminars: These seminars give Consortium scholars the opportunity to co-lead a seminar alongside stranded scholars from their home country (scholars who have been fired and are unable to leave their home country) and connect stranded scholars to the academic community which they have lost, reconnect students with their professors, and offer learning opportunities to students everywhere that otherwise might not be available. The seminars hosted on Zoom. They are free and open to students everywhere. More information [linked here](#).

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The Consortium seeks a student teaching assistant (must be a graduate student) for **10 hours per week** (August-September) and **5 hours per week** (September-December) to assist with the preparation and hosting of a co-led online seminar titled, "Will China Democratize: Contending Forces in a Changing China." This seminar will be co-led by Consortium scholar, Professor Teng Biao, the Grove Human Rights Scholar at Hunter College, CUNY, and former lecturer at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing; and Professor Andrew Nathan, the Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. The teaching assistant will help the seminar co-leaders prepare for the seminar which will take place on Fridays from 10am -11:30am EST beginning September 24 and running through December 3, 2021 (except for Thanksgiving week, November 26). The teaching assistant is required to attend each session. Additional work supporting the Consortium might also be available which would increase the weekly hours. This is a paid hourly position, \$18 per hour.

Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Help to prepare the syllabus & readings
- Help to create PowerPoint presentations for the weekly online sessions
- Help reply to emails as needed
- Attend each session of the online seminar to monitor and organize questions submitted via Zoom Q&A and Chat for the presenters
- Collect, combine, and raise questions written by the students

Minimum Qualifications:

- Interest in politics, human rights, and law in China
- Familiarity with Zoom Webinar or feel comfortable learning
- Professional communication over email and Zoom chat
- Detail oriented
- Strategic thinking and strong organizational/tracking skills
- Excellent written and verbal skills

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This position will be remote.

The New University in Exile Consortium is strongly committed to equity in the workplace and particularly seeks applications from members of underrepresented groups.