

## **Call for Applications: Part-Time Undergraduate Research Assistant**

**Location:** Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

**Position Opens:** Monday March 9, 2026

**Position Closes:** Monday April 6, 2026

Notifications will be sent by May 1, 2026

The University of Washington (Seattle, Bothell, Tacoma) is offering **one undergraduate research assistant position** from spring 2026 through spring 2027 in association with a year-long Mellon-funded public humanities and arts project titled **Not Apart: Indigenous Knowledges, Global Reciprocity, and the Art of Democracy**, co-led by UW faculty [Jessica Bissett Perea \(American Indian Studies\)](#), [Ben Gardner \(Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences\)](#), and [Tony Lucero \(Comparative History of Ideas and Jackson School of International Studies\)](#).

Participants in the Seminar will explore this topic through three themes:

- Autumn 2026: University/Aesthetic Sovereignities
- Winter 2027: University/Community Knowledges
- Spring 2027: University/Social Movements

For more information, please refer to the project announcement:

<https://simpsoncenter.org/article/not-apart-indigenous-knowledges-global-reciprocity-and -art-democracy-mellon-sawyer-seminar>

Applicants for this position should be a highly organized, energetic, and responsible student who is interested in and capable of supporting project events.

This position will be 8-12 hours per week. The position is intended to begin in early May and extend through the end of Spring quarter 2027. Pending funding and employee availability, the position may continue into Summer and Fall Quarters 2027. Applications are not expected to commit to future quarters to remain competitive during the initial application process.

The Simpson Center uses a variable hourly wage depending on a student's current or most recent academic status. The hourly wage for undergraduate assistants is \$22/hr. Hours are negotiated monthly depending on the student's class schedule (if any) and project needs.

This project is made possible by a generous Sawyer Seminar grant from the Mellon Foundation with support from the Simpson Center for the Humanities.

### **Required qualifications:**

- Applicants must be eligible for student employment per UW policy.
- In accordance with [UW Employment and Administrative Policies, Chapter 104](#), a student must be enrolled at the University of Washington and meet the following minimum enrollment requirements (not including correspondence credits) in order to hold a position in a student job profile:
  - Undergraduate students – 6 credits
  - Granted "on leave" status

- Students are considered “on leave” as follows: For one quarter immediately following a quarter in which the student was enrolled for at least 6 academic credits, including summer quarter.

**Desired qualifications:**

- Experience with communication, event support, and food handling
- Experience with hybrid and A/V technology
- Experience with online/digital file management (Google drive etc.)
- Ability to work independently and exercise good judgment and initiative
- Ability to work cooperatively with other students, faculty, and staff

Applications must be received by April 6, 2026.

Application materials – Please submit a single PDF that includes the following components:

1. A 1-2 page (500-750 word max) cover letter describing interest in and suitability for the position;
2. CV/resume;
3. Names and contact information of 2-3 references (may be professional, academic, and/or community partners)

Email your PDF to: [indigenousarts@uw.edu](mailto:indigenousarts@uw.edu)

Subject line: **Indigenous Arts Undergraduate Research Assistant – [Your Name]**

Application questions can be sent to seminar co-organizers at:

[indigenousarts@uw.edu](mailto:indigenousarts@uw.edu)

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