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I am excited to be writing about the opportunity to work at the Human Services Resource Center as a Research and Advocacy GRA. I will be starting the CSSA program in the Fall of 2019 and hope to pursue a career in higher education working with and helping students. I currently work as a Software Engineer in Portland and have a background and interest in research and data analysis that I feel would really help me in this position.

I gained my MBA at Oregon State University while working at the Career Development Center as the Employer Relations Marketing Assistant. During this time I began to take on many of the research and database needs we had. When I graduated I was asked to stay on full time by the Dean of Student Life to lead a major analysis of the demographic and financial components of the organization for the past five years. I developed a number of comprehensive reports and also helped initiate a number of new business practices to help us be more data and metric driven. After this I worked in the College of Business as a Research Assistant utilizing Qualtrics, Python, Excel, Stata and R Studio.

The reason I am starting the CSSA program is I hope to pursue a career in higher education. I was incredibly excited when I saw this opportunity because it seemed like a strong fit for my background and future goals. While this position has a strong qualitative component it also seems to be one that works closely with the HSRC team and campus community. What I loved about my work in Student Life were these components of being able to work with other students, faculty and staff. As the Employer Relations Assistant I worked with our student Career Assistants to market, plan and run our Career Expos which are attended by thousands of students and hundreds of employees. I also worked with students across campus to help them pursue their career goals.

The Human Services Resource Center does such important work for the campus community and I would love to be a part of this. I hope that I am able to speak more in person about my interest in this opportunity.

Thanks for your time,
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