Positions Available:
The Bridging Disciplines Programs are currently hiring Teaching Assistants for the Spring 2020 semester for the following BDP 101 Forum Seminar courses:

- BDP 101: Environmental Change & Sustainability
- BDP 101: Ethics in Campaign 2020: Law, Business, Health Care
- BDP 101: Social Inequality, Health & Policy

TA Tasks:
- Reviewing student writing
- Providing clear written and oral feedback to students on their writing
- Assisting faculty with instructional tasks, as needed

Qualifications:
- Must be a graduate student enrolled at least 9 hours for the Spring 2020 semester
- Experience working with students in an academic environment
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to maintain confidentiality with student records and information
- Some knowledge relevant to course content preferred

Terms of Employment:
BDP 101 Teaching Assistant positions are 10-hour/week appointments, paid over the course of the Spring 2020 semester. However, because BDP 101s only run for the first 8-weeks of the semester, much of the work will be front-loaded into the first part of the semester. These positions are eligible for the Tuition Reduction Benefit. TAs for BDP 101s must be available to attend the weekly class meeting time.

To Apply:
Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume, along with the names and contact information for two references, to Larissa Noake, BDP Assistant Director, at larissa.noake@austin.utexas.edu by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd.

About the Bridging Disciplines Programs:
The Bridging Disciplines Programs (BDPs) support students in becoming versatile thinkers who are able to bring the perspectives, tools, and skills of multiple disciplines to bear on complex issues and questions. The programs are designed to teach students disciplinary and interdisciplinary awareness, integrative thinking and hands-on application of knowledge and skills, and individual reflection and self-assessment. Students who successfully complete the program requirements earn a certificate upon graduation. To learn more about the Bridging Disciplines Programs visit http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bdp.
About the BDP 101 Forum Seminars:
BDP 101 Forum Seminars are foundation courses for the different BDPs, and they introduce students to the key concepts, methodologies, and questions related to the topic. Forum Seminars allow students to sample a range of approaches to contemporary social and intellectual issues. They generally feature weekly discussions with faculty from a variety of departments across UT. BDP 101 courses are one-credit courses that meet for two hours a week during the first eight weeks of the semester.

**BDP 101: Environmental Change & Sustainability**
TH 3:30-5:30pm • JGB 3.222 • Professor Chris Bell
*Class meets for first half of the semester – January 23-March 12.*
In this forum seminar, students will explore the range of environmental challenges that our society faces, including those involving water resources, global change issues, and global and local prospects in Energy technologies and solid waste management. The roles of science, policy-making, economic interests, and sustainability will be examined in the context of these issues.

**BDP 101: Ethics in Campaign 2020: Law, Business, Health Care**
M 3:30-5:30pm • CMA 6.152 • Professor Joe Cutbirth
*Class meets for first half of the semester - January 27-March 23.*
Presidential campaigns ultimately are about laws. Laws addressing national health care, trade and tax policies, and the very make-up of the ultimate legal body - the U.S. Supreme Court - are at the center of the 2020 presidential campaign. The idea that the candidates and the media who cover them act ethically as they create narratives for the voters is critical to our democracy. This course will examine the role advertising, public relations and journalism play in creating the story of the 2020 campaign. Together, we will use an ethical lens to examine business, health care, and legal issues in debates, campaign events, paid advertising, and investigative journalism during the critical seven-week period from the Iowa Caucuses in January to the Texas Primary in March, also known as Super Tuesday.

**BDP 101: Social Inequality, Health & Policy**
M 12:00-2:00pm • FAC 4 • Professors Brad Love and Steph Osbakken
*Class meets for first half of the semester - January 27-March 23.*
The Social Inequality, Health & Policy Seminar explores the causes, consequences, and importance of health disparities. The course will cover international approaches to dealing with healthcare and discuss what national and local governments, as well as non-governmental organizations, can do to effectively reduce the most glaring health vulnerabilities. We will discuss a sample of health issues affected by disparities and the factors driving those discrepancies.