



INSTITUTE FOR PORTUGUESE AND LUSOPHONE WORLD STUDIES  
RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE  
[www.ric.edu/iplws](http://www.ric.edu/iplws)

**IPLWS RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP**  
**CALL FOR APPLICANTS**  
DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2020

The Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies is seeking one undergraduate research assistant to assist with the Institute's project: Portuguese-American Elected and Appointed Officials in Rhode Island.

**ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

Initiated by the research of former RI General Treasurer Paul J. Tavares, the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies at Rhode Island College has undertaken an oral history project to document the public service of Luso-Americans in Rhode Island. This project began with the story of fifty continuous years of service (1958-2008) in which Portuguese-Americans have held the Senate District Seat representing all or part of East Providence, and culminated with a documentary film production (IPLWS Research Portal: [https://digitalcommons.ric.edu/iplws\\_portal/](https://digitalcommons.ric.edu/iplws_portal/)).

Since 2008, the project has expanded to document Elected and Appointed Officials, and will culminate with a public exhibit in the Rhode Island State Archives in 2020/2021.

The RA will join a team of academics, librarians and student interns of the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies at Rhode Island College.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- \* Must be a full time Rhode Island College student
- \* Must have strong teamwork skills
- \* Must have strong writing skills
- \* Minimum GPA: 3.0

**PREFERRED:**

- \* Declared major in one or more of the following degree programs: History, Communication, Political Science, Public Administration, Human Resources (Management). However, all other degree programs will be considered.
- \* Completion of Research Methods in a social science
- \* Demonstrated interest in Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures
- \* Availability to do research on campus and off campus (Public libraries, Rhode Island State Archives, Rhode Island State House Library)

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESEARCH ASSISTANT:**

- \* Report to the Director of the IPLWS
- \* Conduct bibliographic and archival research on political participation in Rhode Island
- \* Collaborate in a team toward completion of the project.

**COMPENSATION:**

- \* RA will receive \$500 stipend upon completion of 33 hours' work (\$15/hr on flexible schedule), renewable upon review and student availability until the completion of the project.

**REFERENCE:**

- \* Indicate one Rhode Island College professor or instructor who is well acquainted with the student's work and is available to provide a reference if requested.

**APPLICATION**

- \* Complete the online application form, including short answer questions:

**<https://forms.gle/AfAt38LMj2CQRAtLA>**

- \* Upload resume
- \* Upload unofficial transcript

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

- \* FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

For any questions or more information please contact Dr. Sílvia Oliveira, [soliveira@ric.edu](mailto:soliveira@ric.edu)