**Research Group Leader for GeoFORCE**

**Hiring Department: Jackson School of Geosciences – GeoFORCE Texas**  
**Compensation:** $20/hour + Food, Lodging, and Travel on Field Experiences  
**Start Date:** Summer 2025  
**Position Duration:** Temporary  
**Location** Austin - J. J. Pickle Research Campus (North Austin)  
**Number of Vacancies:** 3  
**General Notes:** 40 hours per week with additional and substantial overtime and travel. Those selected will be required to attend training in May. Overtime in the amount of 40+ hours is expected.

**GeoFORCE Mission**

GeoFORCE is a youth education outreach program that recruits students in Austin, Houston, and Southwest Texas. The Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas created GeoFORCE to identify and develop the next generation of STEM leadership for discovery, research, and management of energy, minerals, water, the environment, and natural hazards for the benefit of society.

**Purpose**

The Research Group Leaders (RGLs) support the GeoFORCE 12th grade academy students to achieve learning objectives and complete their group project. RGLs work as a team with the GeoFORCE coordinators and counselors to make sure the research groups are working appropriately under the direction of the Research Mentor. RGLs are also expected to help drive students and supplies in the trail vehicles.

**Essential Functions**

* Rotate between assigned research groups to assist in research activities led by their research mentor. 35%
* Provide one-on-one and small groups guidance to students as they complete their research data collection, analysis, production of poster, and presentation. 25%
* Keep track of and effectively communicate project progress and daily deliverables to research mentors and academy coordinators. 10%
* Drive students to field sites and/or facilitate transportation for food and lodging. 15%
* Help support counselors and coordinators in the supervision and safety of students. 10%
* Other duties assigned by the coordinator. 5%

**Required Qualifications**

* Valid Texas driver’s license.
* The ability to become a certified UT driver
* Bachelor’s degree.

**Preferred Qualifications**

* Pursuing a graduate degree in STEM or STEM education field.

**Working Conditions**

* May work in all weather conditions
* May involve driving
* Work outside
* May work in extreme temperatures
* May work around standard office conditions
* Climbing of stairs
* May involve bus and/or automobile travel

**Notes**

Candidates for the GeoFORCE instructor position are subject to all UT all policies as set forth by the University of Texas Youth Protection Program, UT Human Resources, and GeoFORCE Texas:

* [Youth Protection Program Guidebook](https://youthprotectionprogram.utexas.edu/directors/guidebook/)
  + Zero-tolerance no alcohol policy throughout the field experience
  + Child-safety training
* [UT Camp Worker Guide](https://hr.utexas.edu/sites/hr.utexas.edu/files/camp_workers_guide.pdf)
  + A criminal history background check will be required for finalist(s) under consideration for this position.
  + If hired, you will be required to complete the federal Employment Eligibility Verification form, I-9. You will be required to present acceptable, original documentsto prove your identity and authorization to work in the United States. Information from the documents will be submitted to the federal E-Verify system for verification. Documents must be presented no later than the third day of employment. Failure to do so will result in dismissal.