

## **GRADUATE ASSISTANT: Bridgewater College Football Assistant Coach**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicants for this position **MUST** apply to the JMU Sport and Recreation Leadership master's degree program **BEFORE** applying for this GA position. If you apply to for this GA position without simultaneously or previously applying to the Sport and Recreation Leadership master's degree program, your GA application will **NOT** be considered. If you have any questions about this requirement, contact Ben Carr at [carrbh@jmu.edu](mailto:carrbh@jmu.edu).

**To Apply:** Please send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Ben Carr at [carrbh@jmu.edu](mailto:carrbh@jmu.edu). Please put "Bridgewater GA Application" in the subject line of the email.

Bridgewater College, a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III, is seeking applications for the position of Graduate Assistant on the Football Staff, to begin August 2022. The Athletic Department is partnering with the James Madison University Sport and Recreation Leadership Master's Degree Program to offer this graduate assistantship. This is a unique experience where students will work with the Bridgewater Football Program to gain professional experience in college athletics and attend classes at James Madison University.

**Responsibilities:** This is a Graduate Assistant 9-month position, reporting to the Head Football Coach and Director of Athletics. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Recruitment of qualified student-athletes with a commitment to academic success, in collaboration with the Admission Office
- Practice and game prepare Position Group assigned by Head Coach
- Providing feedback and evaluation to players as to potential, progress, and performance;
- Demonstrating a strong commitment to the academic achievement of student-athletes
- Attending athletic staff meetings, mandatory student-athlete programs, admissions events, sports banquets and athletic fundraising activities as directed by the head coach
- Representing the College and the Department of Athletics in an appropriate and professional manner at all times
- Complying with all NCAA, conference and college policies and regulations

**Qualifications:** The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree required
- Candidates should have strong football background in High School or College level with proven football experience as player or coach
- Demonstrated leadership skills and effective communication and organizational skills
- Basic competency in Microsoft Office applications is required.
- Updated expertise in the latest teaching technology available in practice and game preparation

- Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable by the college's auto insurance carrier
- Must be accepted into the Sport and Recreation Leadership graduate program at James Madison University

**Conditions of Employment:** Students may apply to a graduate assistantship prior to being accepted into a graduate program. However, to be eligible to receive an assistantship upon entry into a graduate program, the following criteria must be met:

- The student must be conditionally or unconditionally accepted into the Sport and Recreation Leadership graduate program. Students who are provisionally accepted will not be eligible until they achieve conditional or unconditional acceptance into their program.
- The students must have an official transcript on file indicating completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- After receiving an assistantship, the student must maintain at least a 3.0 graduate GPA in order to retain or reapply for the assistantship.

These are minimum criteria. Graduate program coordinators have the right to impose additional criteria if they see fit.

**Stipend Amount & Tuition Waiver:** \$8,474 + In-state graduate tuition waiver

**General Information:** Bridgewater College is an independent, private liberal arts college founded in 1880. Bridgewater has a total enrollment of approximately 1,900 students representing 28 states and 10 countries. Bridgewater offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 60 majors and minors, along with multiple areas of emphasis and concentrations, pre-professional programs such as medicine and law, dual degree programs and teacher certification. The College has an educational philosophy of developing the whole person and equipping students to become leaders with a strong sense of personal accountability and civic responsibility. The College is a member of NCAA Division III and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, with 23 intercollegiate athletic teams. The beautiful 300-acre residential campus includes an equestrian center and is located in the town of Bridgewater, Virginia, near the city of Harrisonburg in the center of the Shenandoah Valley. It is conveniently situated to provide easy access to both Washington D.C. and Richmond, each only two hours away. An excellent school system, healthy business environment, numerous arts and cultural events, the state's lowest crime rate, and a variety of outdoor opportunities and historic attractions draw many graduates back to the area and the College enjoys tremendous support from the local community.

**To Apply:** Please submit application materials including cover letter, resume and contact information for three references to Dr. Benjamin Carr at carrbh@jmu.edu.