



Position Overview

Research Associate

WolfBrown | Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Research

Position Availability: June 1, 2026

WolfBrown, an internationally recognized consulting firm specializing in the arts and cultural sector, collaborates with stakeholders across the field to build a more equitable, pluralistic, and sustainable future for artists, organizations, and community ecosystems. Our team tackles some of the sector's most stubborn, long-term challenges often in collaboration with innovative non-profit organizations, foundations, and government agencies.

We currently seek a Research Associate to support qualitative and quantitative research projects focused on the arts, culture, and research documenting the impact of the arts on human lives. The Research Associate plays a key role in designing, executing, and translating our research into actionable insights for cultural institutions, foundations, and public agencies. This position is ideal for a detail-oriented, analytically strong researcher with a passion for equity, learning, and cultural impact.

The position is 100% full-time (40 hrs/week) and requires a minimum of two days a week in the Cambridge offices of WolfBrown. The salary range is \$70,000-\$80,000 annually based on education and experience, plus benefits.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the design and implementation of mixed-methods research studies, including surveys, interviews, focus groups, and longitudinal analyses;
- Clean, analyze, and interpret quantitative and qualitative data using tools such as Excel, Salesforce, and statistical or qualitative analysis software;
- Participate in client-facing work, including interviews, site visits and observations, meetings, and presentations;
- Contribute to research for national clients and partners, including foundations, arts organizations, and government agencies;
- Assist with database development, data quality assurance, and documentation of research protocols;
- Collaborate with project teams to manage timelines, track deliverables, and ensure research accuracy and rigor;

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- Participate in internal learning, research discussions, and knowledge-sharing across the firm;
- Synthesize findings into clear, compelling written and visual products such as reports, presentations, memos, and client deliverables that are both analytically rigorous as well as graphically engaging;
- Other tasks as assigned.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree required; advanced degree, coursework, or work experience in social sciences, humanities, public policy, education, or related field preferred;
- Demonstrated experience with research methods, data analysis, or program evaluation;
- Strong analytical, writing, and synthesis skills, with the ability to translate data into accessible insights;
- Experience working with databases, spreadsheets, or CRM systems (e.g., Excel, Salesforce) preferred;
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously;
- Commitment to equity, access, and inclusion in the arts and cultural sector.

Preferred Experience

- Experience with arts, culture, education, or nonprofit research;
- Familiarity with longitudinal studies and program evaluation;
- Experience collaborating with diverse stakeholders, including educators, artists, and institutional partners.

Application

- To apply, send materials to Claire@wolfbrown.com
- Include:
 - Brief (no more than one page) cover letter summarizing your interest and fit for this job;
 - Resumé;
 - Two samples of recent research work, preferably at least one on which you were the lead and one on which you collaborated as a member of a team.



You will hear from us within two weeks regarding next steps. If you progress to an interview, we will also ask you for three references from employers, clients, and collaborators.