Research Assistant Contract Posting #2
(Full Time until March 31st, 2016)

The Program Evaluation and Research team at Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services in Burnaby is seeking a full-time Research Assistant to join our team. This contract ends by March 31st, 2016.

In order to apply candidates must:

- have completed a bachelor’s degree in psychology, criminology, statistics, or a related field;
- have completed coursework in statistics and research methods;
- have experience (through coursework or otherwise) using spreadsheets (e.g., SPSS, Excel) to enter and/or analyze data;
- be able to use Microsoft Office programs including Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint.

The successful candidate:

- is able to critically read academic articles of a technical nature, and extract relevant statistical information from research results and enter it into spreadsheets;
- has a solid understanding of statistics and research methodology;
- is proficient at running statistical procedures (e.g., SPSS), reading output, and creating Tables and narrative text from the data output;
- can trouble-shoot data files and identify errors;
- is willing to master new statistical procedures and techniques;
- has excellent attention to detail and is reliable;
- communicates easily and comfortably with others, both in written and oral form;
- can conduct literature reviews of academic data bases and identify and obtain articles from journals and books;
- is able to coordinate research activities, track the progress of other Research Assistants, and communicate regularly with members of the Program Evaluation and Research team, and Program and Support and Administration;
- is able to train new Research Assistants;
- has excellent attention to detail, and is reliable and organized;
- has strong communication skills;
- is energetic, assertive, and able to take initiative;
- is able to participate in Committee work, and when appropriate, can chair meetings and take minutes.

Preference may be given to candidates who have:

- a Master’s degree in psychology, criminology, statistics, or a related field;
- experience designing and executing research studies and/or conducting program evaluations;
- a strong understanding of statistics;
- experience giving presentations (in class, at conferences, etc.);
- knowledge of Aboriginal issues and/or familiarity with the Aboriginal community;
- experience working in forensic and/or mental health settings;
- knowledge of the Canadian Criminal Justice System;
- university course work in ethics, psychopathology, and/or developmental psychology;
• experience with (or knowledge of) adolescent forensic risk assessment instruments (e.g., the Psychopathy Checklist: Youth Version, the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth, the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol, etc.), and/or the administration, scoring, and interpretation of psychological measures.

This contract will offer a competitive hourly wage, based on experience.

Interested parties should forward copies of their Curriculum Vitae (resume) and university transcripts, along with a cover letter, to Sarah Johnson at Sarah.Johnson@gov.bc.ca. Please indicate that you are responding to Research Assistant Contract Posting #2. Interested parties should also complete the survey located at the following link: https://eSurv.org?s=LNODOG_5266712. Although we appreciate all applications, we will only be able to respond to those individuals who are selected for an interview.