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We are seeking an SFU Masters or PhD student Research Assistant for the Art for Social Change (ASC!) Project, hosted by SFU's International Centre of Art for Social Change (https://icasc.ca/).

**Project**
The ASC! Project brings together artists, scholars, students and change makers from diverse public and private sectors across Canada to better understand how arts-based, participatory, community-engaged practices are evolving in Canada, as well as to provide information, opportunities for exchange, and resources for both practitioners and those interested to learn more about the field.

**Roles:**
1. Connect with government and nonprofit sector funding agencies to gather data about recent funding levels for a variety of program types, and prepare a report on the findings. Different agencies may have very different ways of collecting and reporting their own data, not to mention different ways of categorizing their programs, which will make this task somewhat complex. Familiarity with the messiness of “real-world” quantitative data will be an asset.

2. Conduct follow-ups (mostly online surveys, with the possibility of some follow-up calls) with past research participants to gather data on how their participation has affected their day-to-day practice as artists, policy-makers, etc. This will entail working with the research team to develop the research protocol, obtain ethics approval, and collect and analyze the data with the goal of reporting out to multiple audiences. Basic quantitative analyses will require knowledge of descriptive statistics.

3. Various as-needed tasks related to supporting the overall research project and helping the team to organize a national conference (scheduled for November, 2017).

**Qualifications:**
- Enrolled as an SFU student
- Familiarity with working with quantitative data
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work and problem-solve independently
- Ability to effectively summarize complex information
- Interest in the arts and culture sector and social change work

The following qualifications are assets:
- Experience working in distributed teams
- Familiarity with arts-based and/or qualitative research methods

**Duration:** May – August, 2017  
**Location:** SFU Harbour Centre  
**Hours:** 15 hours/week

Please submit a cover letter, your resume and a copy of your transcript (an unofficial transcript is fine) to: **Dr. Tracey Leacock** tleacock@sfu.ca