Research Assistant
ISTLD and Faculty of Health Sciences – Teaching and Learning Development Grant

The Simon Fraser University (SFU) Institute for the Study of Teaching and Learning in the Disciplines (ISTLD) invites applications for a Research Assistant appointment for the Faculty of Health Sciences’ Teaching and Learning Development Grant project “Developing and integrating writing skills across a curriculum” to begin March 1, 2017 or sooner.

The overall goal of this project is to determine whether a revision to a set of undergraduate courses involving new and additional writing exercises (with accompanying marking/feedback rubrics) improves the writing skills of our majors. This project was to designed to develop some additional resources for writing skill development among lower division courses (100- and 200-level) in the Faculty of Health Sciences. These new features were designated as the writing intervention. Surveys were designed to evaluate the utility of the writing intervention as viewed by the students, teaching assistants and instructors in selected Health Sciences courses that participated in this study. Certain student survey questions were administered twice: at the beginning and at the end of the semester. Additional information was collected via electronic surveys sent to all FHS Faculty and interviews with TAs and instructors at the conclusion of the selected courses. This information has been collected and awaits detailed analysis and evaluation.

Research assistant responsibilities include:
• Qualitative and quantitative analysis of data from student, TA, and Faculty surveys and interviews.
• Evaluation of data analysis and summarization of results;
• Supporting dissemination of project findings within and beyond SFU;
• Assisting with data entry and evaluation related to TLDG projects’ progress/tracking;
• Attending monthly meetings with project supervisor.

Required qualifications and skills:
• Currently enrolled in a graduate program at SFU
• Excellent interpersonal skills, including strong oral and written communication skills
• Ability to work with faculty and students from a wide range of disciplines;
• Experience with basic qualitative and quantitative data analyses
• Experience with data presentation
• Ability to undertake literature reviews in disciplines beyond own research area;
• Skilled in use of Microsoft Office suite.

Experience and skills that would be an asset:
• Experience with basic statistical software and applications;
• Experience with interview transcription and coding.

Rate of pay:
$20 - $25/hr (incl. vacation and statutory holiday pay, no medical or dental benefits) - based on experience, qualifications and degree program (MA or PhD). Total appointment hours: Minimum of 100

To Apply:
Applicants should submit: (1) a 1-page cover letter structured to address the qualifications, skills, and responsibilities as listed above, and (2) a 1-2 page résumé with two references listed.

These two items should be addressed to Mark Lechner, and emailed to msl19@sfu.ca.

Note: Letters of reference will only be requested from short-listed applicants.

Complete applications received by February 17, 2017 are assured of full consideration. We appreciate all replies to this position posting, however, we will only contact short-listed applicants.