

Job Posting: Research Associate

The research project: “Canadian drug laws and their alternatives: a qualitative study” is seeking a part-time Research Associate who is looking to build their qualitative research skills and portfolio. The focus of the role is qualitative research activities, with an emphasis on analysis and publishing, related to research on police officer and people who use drugs’ perspectives on drug policies, drug laws, harm reduction, and COVID-19. The Research Associate will be expected to organize and analyze qualitative data, as well as develop peer-reviewed manuscripts for publication. The research associate will join a small team of researchers, but the position will mainly be carried out independently. This post will suit a Ph.D. student or Masters who has strong research skills and a demonstrated interest and/or history of qualitative analysis and publishing. This role will provide an opportunity for the Associate to publish in peer-reviewed journals (including the opportunity for first authorship), present at academic conferences, and collaborate on major research grants.

This study is funded by SFU/SSHRC and the William and Ada Isabella Steel Fund. You will report to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Alissa Greer, SFU School of Criminology.

Location:

Research will be conducted remotely, with weekly check-ins via Zoom and/or telephone. The candidate must have access to a computer and internet connection. Since the work is being done remotely, being located in BC is not required although knowledge of the BC context is preferred.

Term and hours:

This position is part-time, with a maximum of 420 hours (flexible; approx. 15 hours/week). Generally, communication will be during regular business hours, but independent research will occur at your own discretion. The anticipated start date is October 5, 2020 and end date of April 30, 2021 (flexible).

Salary:

Hourly rate is non-negotiable and based on SFU standards for graduate students, commensurate with experience, ranging from \$22.00 – \$27.00/hour.

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Job description:

Reporting to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Alissa Greer (SFU, Criminology), the Research Associate will undertake some or all of the following tasks (bolded items will be prioritized/required):

- Coding and analyzing qualitative data;
- Contributing to and leading the development of academic outputs, including peer-reviewed journal manuscripts and community and conference presentations;
- Supporting the preparation of research reports and other KT activities;
- Participating in other research activities, such as preparing grant applications;

- Supporting and developing strategies that encourage community participation in the research activities;
- Conforming with ethical standards in research;
- Performing other duties as required.

Preferred qualifications of candidate:

- Graduate work in Social Sciences, such as Health Sciences, Criminology, or Sociology;
- Strong understanding of qualitative research;
- Minimum 1 year qualitative research experience;
- Experience conducting qualitative research methods, including question guide development, recruitment, interviewing, analysis, and coding;
- Proficient using NVivo;
- Demonstrated publication history;
- Passionate about social justice and drug law reform;
- Takes a critical lens to social inequities for marginalized and criminalized communities;
- Ability to think critically and analytically;
- Strong attention to detail;
- Strong writing ability;
- Ability and history of accessing and reviewing peer-reviewed literature;
- Ability to exercise tact, discretion and safeguard confidentiality;
- Strong organizational skills;
- History of taking initiative and working independently.

If you are interested in this position, please send the following to Dr. Alissa Greer:

- Cover letter outlining your experience and interest;
- Academic writing sample,
- Curriculum Vitae,
- Names and contact for three references

Contact: Alissa_greer@sfu.ca

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply before September 11. Applicants will be notified by September 15, 2020 or until the position is filled.