

Undergraduate Research Assistants Needed Intergroup Contact, Attitudes and Behaviour (ICAB)

We are looking for undergraduate research assistants to work as experimenters for a study being conducted by Dr. Jasmina Arifovic (Economics), Dr. Steve Wright (Psychology) and Dr. Jane Friesen (Economics). This project examines the effects of intergroup contact on children's attitudes and behavior in the Vancouver School District.

Job Description

Research assistants will be working with kindergarten and grade 1 children in the Vancouver School District.

You will work within a small team of testers, running individual participants through a series of experimental tasks.

Requirements

General You should be comfortable working independently with **children in the age of 5 to 7.**

Time Commitment Minimum: 1 full day/week (8:00-4:00)
Preferred: **2 full days/week (8:00-4:00)**
You should be able to commit to (a) fixed day(s) per week, and are expected to be available on that day(s) for the duration of the study (**late January through April/May**). There may be additional duties that you will be responsible for as the study progresses.
It would be an additional bonus if you could commit to working on the project for more than one semester.

Training Paid training sessions will **begin in December 2007.**

Police Background Check **RCMP background check** is required before you start training (**this is NOT required as part of the application**).

Compensation

\$10/hour

You will be paid for the full day(s) that you commit to the project. You will also be paid in the event that no schools can be scheduled for a particular day and you are prevented from actually testing.

Qualifications

***All of these are preferred. Please consider applying even if you don't have one or more of them **.*

- Psychology, Economics, or Education major with interest and/or some course work in social psychology or experimental economics.
- Completed some course work in research methods and/or data analysis.
- Some computer skills including: word processing, spreadsheet (Excel), and email. Other advanced skills are an asset.
- Interest in graduate studies following your BA
- Able to take initiative and work independently (keep your own schedule, complete some tasks with minimal direct supervision, etc.). Reliability is a must for this position.
- Able to work well with others (deal with colleagues in a pleasant, helpful, and respectful manner)
- Strong academic record

If you are interested in applying for this position

Please submit the following information to the Project Coordinator at

ctef-education-apply@sfu.ca

- Name, email address and phone number
- A resume/CV describing your "relevant" experience (Be as detailed as you like. It is often unclear what is "relevant")
- An advisory transcript from SFU (obtained from *gosfu*) and any other relevant post-secondary institutions
- A brief statement describing why you are interested and why we can't survive without you (you might want to discuss very briefly the qualifications listed above)
- Information about your availability: a) number of semesters, b) number of days per week you could commit to the research, and c) for the current semester, include the days and times during the week you will be free of other obligations (e.g. meetings, training)