

Research Assistant position opportunities, Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA), FHS/SFU

The Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA) has several project-based Research Assistant positions available. The research's general focus is on excellent, interdisciplinary science towards examining the relationship between psychoactive substance use, other chronic diseases (e.g., mental health, pain, BBVs) and health/social outcomes, and informing evidence-based interventions and policy, with a primary focus on high-risk populations and public health. The RA positions will support and contribute to various key research activities, including: targeted or systematic data/literature reviews; research & ethics protocol and funding applications development; research participant recruitment and assessments in field settings; multi-methods (e.g., population health or qualitative/quantitative) data collection, processing and analyses; scientific manuscript writing/submission and other knowledge translation activities; as well as other research activities and duties. The RA will report to CARMHA-based project investigators/faculty.

Among key qualifications, experience and skills, the RA will hold or actively work towards a graduate or post-graduate degree (e.g., MSc/MPH/PhD) at SFU or another recognized institution in a relevant field (e.g., basic, health, social) science (in exceptional cases, senior undergraduate students will be considered). Requirements include a basic understanding of concepts of substance use/addiction, mental and public health; principles of social science/health research methods (e.g. quantitative/qualitative data), ethics as well as research data collection, processing and analyses, including field settings. Previous professional/research experience, e.g. research data collection, analyses and publishing/research translation, project administration, or funding applications will be considered an asset. Competitive candidates will possess excellent (i.e., written/oral) communication and organizational skills, work well independently and in team settings, and be comfortable in both scientific/professional as well as in field research environments involving marginalized risk populations. Overall, eligible applications should be keen to contribute to innovative and productive science related to substance use and health in an interdisciplinary setting.

Full- and part-time positions, with room for flexible arrangements, are available. The positions will predominantly be based at CARMHA, SFU, Vancouver (downtown) campus. Interested applicants meeting basic qualifications are requested to send a brief (max. 1-page) letter-of-interest summarizing their interests and qualifications, and an up-to-date resume in hard-copy to: Prof. B Fischer, CARMHA, SFU, #2400, 515 W Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B5K3.