

Job Posting: Drug Policy Research Coordinator

The Four Pillars Project is a two-year mixed methods study investigating drug policies, strategies, and policymaking in BC, with an emphasis on recent decriminalization policies in Vancouver. We are seeking a part-time (15-20 hours/week) Research Coordinator who is looking to build their qualitative and quantitative research skills and portfolio. The focus of the role is on both **social network analysis** and **qualitative research** on drug policymaking, drug strategies, and stakeholder involvement. Ideally the candidate will be interested in both aspects of the research, but we encourage those interested in only social network analysis or qualitative research to still apply and to state their preference.

The Research Coordinator will be responsible for organizing and coordinating all aspects of the research protocol, including data collection, management, and analysis. They will join a small team of researchers, including the principal investigator Dr. Alissa Greer and co-investigator Dr. Martin Bouchard, at Simon Fraser University's School of Criminology. The Research Coordinator will report to and be under the supervision of Dr. Greer.

The Research Coordinator position will best suit a Ph.D. student with experience in quantitative and qualitative research, and a demonstrated interest in social network analysis. This role will provide an opportunity for the Coordinator to publish in peer-reviewed journals (including the opportunity for first authorship), supervise students, present at academic conferences, and collaborate on major research grants.

Preferred qualifications of candidate:

- Graduate degree or work in a social sciences discipline, such as criminology, political science, health sciences, sociology, etc.
- Minimum 2 years research assistant experience;
- Proficient or demonstrated interest in Social Network Analysis methods and/or strong understanding and demonstrated knowledge of qualitative research methods (note: if preference is to work in one area, please state this in your application);
- Experience of conducting interviews with research participants;
- Demonstrated publication history;
- Knowledge of drug policy and/or
- 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 to exercise tact, discretion and safeguard confidentiality;
- Strong organizational skills;
- Demonstrated experience of taking initiative and working independently.

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.

Salary and hours:

This position is hourly part-time, up to 20 hours/week, under an initial one-year contract with a possible 6–12-month extension. Hourly rate is non-negotiable and based on SFU standards for graduate students, commensurate with experience, ranging from \$28.00 – \$32.00/hour (plus benefits). <https://www.sfu.ca/fass/research/faculty-member-resources/apply-for-funding/budget-guidelines.html>

The anticipated start date is July 30, 2021 (flexible).

Job description:

Reporting to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Alissa Greer (SFU Criminology), the Research Coordinator will undertake some or all of the following tasks:

- Coordinating and conducting data collection, management, and analysis;
- Supervising research assistants;
- Coding and analyzing network (quantitative) and 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 and conference presentations;
- Supporting and developing strategies that encourage community participation in the research activities;
- Adhering to TCPS-2 policies and ethics protocols;
- Other duties as required.

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

- Cover letter and CV outlining your research skills and experience, and interest in the position;
- Academic writing sample;
- Names and contact information for two academic/research references.

Contact: Alissa_greer@sfu.ca

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply before July 5, 2020 at 5:00pm. Applicants will be notified by July 15, 2020 or until the position is filled.