

## Student Research Assistant

### About us

This position is hosted by Simon Fraser University in partnership with the First Nations Health Authority. The Indigenizing Harm Reduction study is an FNHA-led research project conducted with support from SFU. The FNHA is a diverse and transformational health organization of professional, innovative, and dedicated team members and leaders. The first of its kind in Canada, FNHA works as a health-and-wellness partner with BC First Nations to support self-determination and decision-making to improve health outcomes.

**Title:** Student Research Assistant - Indigenizing Harm Reduction Study

**Salary:** \$22.44 - \$25.50 - \$28.05 per hour (pay range explained below)

**Contract:** Term until August 2024 with possibility of extension

**Hours:** 15-20 hours/week (core hours 9am-3pm Mon-Fri)

**Location:** Remote

### Summary of the Indigenizing Harm Reduction study:

Indigenous communities continue to be disproportionately impacted by the toxic drug crisis and experience barriers while accessing mainstream harm reduction programs and services in British Columbia (BC). The primary aim of the *Indigenizing Harm Reduction* study is to develop a Nation-led, community-driven, and wholistic model of harm reduction for substance use that is adaptable to the specific cultural and contextual needs of BC First Nations communities. This project is an opportunity for First Nations in BC to highlight wise practices in community-led approaches to the toxic drug crisis, and inform the development of an effective and culturally relevant provincial First Nations Harm Reduction framework.

This multi-phase study is funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research until March 2026.

### About the role

As the Student Research Assistant, you will be responsible for:

- Conducting qualitative data analysis: You will work in collaboration with the study team to analyze qualitative data, including interview transcripts, using the qualitative analysis tool, NVivo;
- Supporting knowledge exchange & mobilization: With support of the study team and Research Advisory Committee, you will support the development of knowledge exchange products, which may include reports, infographics, presentations, or journal articles, to share and mobilize study findings;
- Providing support with all other project-related activities as needed;

### About you

To be successful in this role you will be a Master's degree student in a relevant field of study (i.e. Public Health, Social Work, Indigenous Governance, Leadership, Psychology, or another degree that involves

community-based research and qualitative analysis skills). Equivalent skill sets will be considered. You have relevant and recent experience in Indigenous research methodologies, in analyzing qualitative data using NVivo, and in knowledge exchange. You have strong communication skills, high levels of flexibility, adaptability, collaboration, and attention to detail.

**Pay Range**

The Pay Range is the minimum and maximum hourly rate. Incumbents are typically hired, transferred or promoted between the minimum and midpoint of the range based on their knowledge, skills, abilities and experience in relation to the role requirements. The top of the pay range is for the incumbents who are industry experts in the job with the combination of exceptional experience and competencies needed to perform all duties and responsibilities at a superior capability level.

**Please submit a cover letter and resume to: [Ashley.Simpson@fnha.ca](mailto:Ashley.Simpson@fnha.ca) by Friday, March 22, 2024.**