

Research Assistant Opportunity
Part Time Position – Faculty of Health Disciplines

**Investigating inequities, intended pathways, and funding for adult
vaccination across Canada**

Position start date: IMMEDIATE

Number of positions: 1

Overview: Despite diversity among vaccine recipients, most adult vaccination programs apply a one-size-fits-all approach. This research assistant position will support the development of a study into inequities, intended pathways, and funding for adult vaccination across Canada. The successful candidate will support literature reviews, a scoping review of existing policy, and various other early-stage research activities. These research activities will inform the development of grant proposals and preliminary insights about how to better support equitable vaccination access.

Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting literature searches and reviews
- Collaborating on an environmental scan of adult vaccination policies and programs
- Completing necessary research-related training
- Participating in regular meetings with the research team
- Providing support for grant writing (e.g., preparing summaries, formatting documents, editing and proofreading)
- Opportunities to contribute to the dissemination of preliminary insights (e.g., from the environmental scan)

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in a relevant field required (e.g., health sciences, social sciences, nursing)
- Some graduate training in health or social sciences is an asset
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently
- Strong reading and writing skills
- Interest and/or experience with literature reviews
- Interest in social equity and health
- Experience working with relevant software (e.g., Microsoft Office, video-conferencing platforms, qualitative data analysis software)

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Terra Manca at Athabasca University. Dr. Manca's team will provide training and mentorship for all activities. Depending on project needs and timelines, the successful candidate may have opportunities to gain experience in analyzing qualitative data and in disseminating research results.

This is a casual position with flexible hours. The rate of pay will be commensurate with experience and collective agreement provisions. All duties will be completed remotely.

How to apply:

Interested candidates can submit their application by email to Dr. Terra Manca at tmanca@athabascau.ca. Applications should include a single PDF document containing:

- 1) A **brief cover letter** summarizing your relevant experience, skills, and interests
- 2) A current **curriculum vitae or resume**

At the time of interview, Dr. Manca will request a list of 2 references to contact after the interview.

Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is found. All applicants are thanked for their interest in this position. However, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Athabasca University and the researchers here are committed to equity in employment opportunities. We encourage applications from women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ people, and anyone who identifies with a historically marginalized group. Applicants are welcome, but not required, to self-identify in their letter of application.

For more information or to ask questions about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Terra Manca (tmanca@athabascau.ca).

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