

Student Research Assistant Positions – Podcast Development Faculty of Social Work

Area: Social Work and Field Education

Duration: Approximately 4 months, with a possibility of extension

Start Date: June, 2023

The "CA3: Climate Action and Advocacy on the Airwaves - A Community Podcast and Radio Series in Southern Alberta" research project, led by Dr. Julie Drolet, invites applications for several **Research Assistant positions**. This opportunity is open to Undergraduate students (Research Assistant positions) and Graduate students (Project Coordinator positions). Please note that the Research Assistant positions could count as a field education practicum.

These part-time fixed term positions will be for approximately four months, with a possibility of extension.

Position Description

The goal of this project is to increase awareness, promote public participation, and access to information on climate action in Southern Alberta through creating a Climate Action Podcast & Radio Series to feature interviews, debates, roundtables, dialogues, and panel discussions with service providers, community leaders (e.g. from Indigenous communities), university students and lecturers to share their knowledge and understanding of their communities' adaptation efforts, and advance climate action and advocacy. Students with an interest in radio broadcasting and applied social work practice outside traditional settings will be best suited for this position. Tangible social work skills include identifying issues faced by local communities, research on social justice issues, interviewing skills, and developing a spoken word program. While at the radio station, research assistants will learn technical skills of radio programming, and how to create a podcast miniseries for broadcast.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- visiting local communities to discuss climate action issues;
- assist in the development of a spoken word program centered on climate action and social justice issues;
- reviewing the relevant literature and data sources on climate awareness and action topic areas;
- creating content; conducting interviews in order to develop podcasts and digital stories;
- transcribing and analyzing data from panel discussion, interview, debate, and roundtables;
- drafting publications and reports, contributing to knowledge mobilization activities (peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, webinars, workshops, etc.) and other duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Social Work program at the University of Calgary.
- Applicants are required to have relevant practice research experience and demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a collaborative environment.
- Applicants must be passionate about the climate action and advocacy.
- Being self-motivated, a creative thinker, and an excellent communicator is required.
- Experience in leadership, and training and mentoring of students is an asset (Project coordinator positions).
- Journalism and documentary production experiences are assets (Project coordinator positions).

Application Details:

Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, sample of published or other academic work, and names and contact information of two referees by **May 31, 2023** to: TFELproject@ucalgary.ca. Subject Line: **RA-Podcast**

Development Application – Name

We would like to thank all applicants in advance for submitting their resumes; please note that only those candidates chosen to continue on through the selection process will be contacted.