



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Student Research Assistant Position Faculty of Social Work

Area: Green Social Work and Field Education

Duration: Approximately six months, with a possibility of extension

Start Date: December, 2023

Looking Back and Moving Forward: Interrogating 'Resilient Communities' to Floods from an Emic Perspective in Southern Alberta research project, led by Dr. Mahed Choudhury, invites applications for a **Student Research Assistant position**.

This part-time fixed term position will be for approximately six months, with a possibility of extension.

Position Description

This role is open to **MSW or senior BSW students in Social Work**. The overall goal of the project is to better understand the perceptions and understandings of 'resilient communities' 10 years after the 2013 Southern Alberta (SA) floods from an emic (insiders') perspective, focusing on flood-affected communities in SA, including Calgary, High River, Banff, Canmore, Black Diamond, Cochrane, Sundre, and Turner Valley. The project will document communities' own narratives and reflections on flood-related past memory, experience, and learning; and negotiation, adaptation, and reflection on new pathways of resilience as it is shaped by governmental interventions and deliberations. To achieve this goal, semi-structured interviews, key informants interviews, and transect-walks will be conducted in SA communities. The Research Assistant will transcribe the interviews, assist with planning knowledge exchange/mobilization events (e.g., workshops and webinars), update the relevant literature for reports and publications, and contribute to the preliminary data analysis.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited Social Work program in Canada.
- Applicants are required to have relevant practice research experience and demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a collaborative environment.
- Experience in interview transcriptions and data analysis using NVivo is an asset.
- Experience in organizing documents using Teams and conducting qualitative interviews is an asset.
- Knowledge on community resilience and disaster risk reduction is an asset.

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 **Nov 15, 2023** to: TFELproject@ucalgary.ca.

Subject Line: **Resilient communities Project - RA 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.