

**Research Assistant Opportunity
Casual Position
Pathways into and out of Precarious Status in Canada**

Start Date: November 1, 2020

Overview: This project is looking for a Research Assistant based in or around Edmonton, Alberta to assist in the field work of a SSHRC-funded national research project examining migrant workers in Canada who experience precarious status, including periods as undocumented workers.

Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

This project examines the lived experiences of migrant workers as they navigate precarious legal status in Canada, with a focus on the legal pathways in and out of status. The Alberta fieldwork consists of interviewing migrant workers experiencing precarious status about their experiences as well as other relevant officials and advocates.

The primary job duties for the field research assistant RA-4, GRA-1, or GRA-2 (as applicable) will include working with the community partner agencies to recruit, schedule and conduct interviews with migrant workers living in or around Edmonton. The assistant will also work with the project researchers to arrange interviews with other participants.

The successful candidate will gain valuable experience in qualitative interview techniques, community-based research and working with vulnerable populations. They will also gain experience working with a nationally funded research project, with the potential of initiating contacts with academics across the country.

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Jason Foster at Athabasca University. Dr. Foster will provide adequate training for the recruitment and interviewing work that will be required.

Qualifications:

This is a casual position, up to 10 hours per week with flexibility, starting in October 2020 for approximately four months. Rate of pay commensurate on experience and collective agreement provisions.



The successful candidate will be nearing the completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree. A number of disciplines will be considered, including labour studies, sociology, political science, migration studies, social work, education.

The successful candidate will be comfortable working with community partners and be willing to engage with populations for whom English is a second language.

Working knowledge of a second language is an asset.

The position is based in Edmonton, Alberta.

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Foster at jasonf@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests and experience; a current resume or curriculum vitae.

Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will 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.

We are committed to employment equity and encourage applications from women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

For more information on this Research Assistant Opportunity, please contact Jason Foster, PhD at the coordinates below, on or before **October 6, 2020**.

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