

**Research Assistant Opportunity**  
**Casual Position**  
**Exploring how rural youth understand and navigate their food environments**

**Position start date:** As soon as possible

**Overview:** Two research assistant positions are open to support a project examining youths' experiences of rural food environments. This project is being done in collaboration with community partners in the Drayton Valley area.

**Specific activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Conducting and supporting literature reviews
- Conducting and supporting qualitative data collection (e.g., interviews, focus groups) and analysis
- Participating in research team meetings
- Supporting the writing of research reports and publications

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Alexa Ferdinands at Athabasca University. Dr. Ferdinands will provide training and mentorship for all research activities. The successful candidate will gain experience in community-based and qualitative research methods.

This is a casual position with flexible hours. The rate of pay will be commensurate with experience and collective agreement provisions. Most duties can be completed remotely, although there may be occasional travel to Drayton Valley for meetings and data collection (transportation will be provided).

**Qualifications:**

- Currently enrolled in a public health graduate program
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently
- Strong writing skills
- Experience in qualitative and community-based research

**How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Alexa Ferdinands at [aferdinands@athabascau.ca](mailto:aferdinands@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; an unofficial copy of your transcript; and the contact information for 1-2 references.



Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will continue until 2 suitable candidates are 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 are committed and seek to support equity in employment and research opportunities. We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous people, people of colour, people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+ people, women, and other historically marginalized groups. Applicants are welcome, but not required, to self-identify in their letter of application.

For more information on this Research Assistant Opportunity, please contact Dr. Alexa Ferdinands ([aferdinands@athabascau.ca](mailto:aferdinands@athabascau.ca)).

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