

Research Assistant Opportunity
Casual Position
Graduate Research Assistant: GRA - 2

Position start date: July 1, 2025

Overview:

Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

This project will investigate the statistics of time from shareholder proposals to actions, if any, that had been proposed.

The primary job duties for the field research assistant Research Assistant 1 [AUPE, R-5] will include 1) tracing shareholder proposed actions taken by Canadian companies and as reported in annual reports and proxy circulars hosted at www.sedar.com over a ten-year time period, and 2) tallying and conducting statistical analysis of the identified actions in 1).

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Eric Wang at Athabasca University. Dr. Wang will provide adequate training for the extraction of key words from shareholder proposals and tallying and descriptive analysis of data that will be required.

Qualifications:

A successful applicant should have the following skills:

- Master degree or current graduate student in accounting, statistics, finance, sociology or a related field
- Statistical analysis at the level of [MGSC301 Statistics for Business and Economics](#) or [MATH215 Introduction to Statistics](#) or equivalent;
- Effective and efficient in conducting key word searches within PDF documents hosted online
- Comprehensive knowledge of financial accounting and reporting
- Effective communications
- Applicants who aspire to further develop their business research skills are encouraged to apply

The position is based in Edmonton, Alberta. Remote work is possible

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Eric Wang at ericw@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 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 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 Eric Wang, PhD at the coordinates below. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

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