

**Research Assistant Opportunity  
Casual Position**

**Start Date: November 15, 2024**

**End Date: Dec 31, 2024**

**Overview:** Research assistant to assist with gathering, analyzing and preparing for publication field data related to international comparative study of pedagogical approaches to user-generated content and open-source intelligence in journalism schools in France, UK and Canada.

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

The primary job duties for the field research assistant will include literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, interview scheduling, journalism school curriculum research, interview participation, interview data analysis and summaries, hypertext markup data analysis, drafting of papers for conference presentation and publication, among other responsibilities. Familiarity with coding in Python is an asset.

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Michael Lithgow at Athabasca University. Dr. Lithgow will provide adequate training for the any skills that will be required and that the candidate does not already have.

**Qualifications:**

Undergraduate degree in relevant field including Communication Studies, Media and Technology Studies, Journalism, Journalism Studies and Political Science.

Graduate level post-secondary experience (at least one year) in a related discipline, including Communication Studies, Media and Technology in Society, Journalism, Journalism Studies.

Familiarity with literatures related to the use of user-generated content and/or open-source intelligence in professional journalism practices and training.

Experience and/or familiarity with user-generated content, open-source intelligence technologies, coding in Python, international comparative analysis, and data analysis will be considered an asset.

**How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Michael Lithgow at michael.lithgow@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests and experience; and a current resume or curriculum vitae; 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 Dr. Michael Lithgow at the coordinates below, on or before November 5, 2024.

Hours per week are approximate and may vary based upon activity in the course. Rate of pay commensurate with experience and collective agreement provision

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