

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

Position start date: As soon as possible

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, library science or a related field.
- Basic statistical analysis skill.
- 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
- Expertise in using AI (e.g., Copilot) to conduct document search
- Interest in shareholder activism is an asset

The position is based in Athabasca area or 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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