

Research Assistant Opportunity
Casual Position
Diversity and Stratification of Authorship in Published Management and
Business Research

Start Date: June 2023.

Overview:

The research aims to document the distribution of scholarship across four different tiers of academic journal publications, including top tier journals, lower tier journals, Open Access (OA) journals, and so-called predatory journals.

This research study will address the following research questions:

- In what countries and at what type of institutions are authors of articles in different tiers of academic journals located?
- What types of research, data and analytic techniques are published in the different tiers of academic journals?
- What are the academic positions and scholarly prestige of lead authors and other authors in the different tiers of academic journals?
- What is the distribution of authorship and scholarship within different journals across the different tiers of academic journals?

The research is not externally funded.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the guidance of the principal researchers, the Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) will work with an existing data archive of scholarly articles to extract information about authorship and scholarship at two levels of analysis: individual authors and research articles. The main tasks are data entry into a comprehensive database and expansion of the data archive. Data to be extracted from the research articles includes (1) names, institutional affiliation, job title, home country, and authorship positions of authors, as well as (2) page length, time to acceptance, research methods used, data types, key words, and number of authors of articles. Additional tasks include collecting information about author prestige through citation indices obtained in Google Scholar, Web of Science, and Scopus. Some investigative work will be required to identify institutional positions/jobs of authors. Finally, the GRA will tabulate the data, compute numerical indicators of diversity, and plot them into several different presentation formats for analysis and interpretation.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate is an AU Doctoral student with extensive experience in reading scholarly journal articles in disciplines related to business and management. The successful candidate will have successfully completed separate seminars in both quantitative and qualitative research methods, must have access to the internet, and be versed in the use of Microsoft Excel.

Location: The position can be done remotely from anywhere in Canada. Meetings with the principal researchers will be organized on Teams.

Number of hours: The expected number of work hours is 10 per week for a total of 170 hours.

Rate of Pay: \$20.50 (GRA 1: AU doctoral student) per hour + benefits.

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are asked to submit an application to Dr. Kai Lamertz at (kailamertz@athabascau.ca). Applications must include (as a single PDF file):

- a brief cover letter that summarizes their skills, interests and experience
- a current resume or curriculum vitae
- an unofficial copy of their transcript;
- the contact information for one or two references who are familiar with the applicant.

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 its researchers are committed to supporting equity in employment and research opportunities. This position prioritizes IBPOC community. 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.

The principal investigator of the study is Dr. Kai Lamertz, Professor, Organizational Analysis. For more information on this Research Assistant Opportunity, please contact Dr. Lamertz (kailamertz@athabascau.ca).