

**Research Assistant Opportunity (2 positions)  
Casual Research Position**

**Indigenous Health: Addressing Racism and Discrimination in the Healthcare System**

**Start Date:** As soon as possible

**Overview:** This position will support a team from across Athabasca University departments to develop a suite of courses for professionals, program learners, and non-program learners focused on addressing racism and discrimination in health systems. Under the guidance of an Indigenous Advisory Committee, these courses are being developed to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and are intended for students and working health and human services professionals.

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

The primary job duties for the research assistants will include:

- Conducting literature reviews and environmental scans
- Locating appropriate open educational resources
- Preparing reports and presentations for the Advisory Committee and project team
- Supporting subject matter experts in the development of course content

The successful candidates will work with, and directly report to Lorraine Thirsk (Faculty of Health Disciplines) at Athabasca University. The project team will provide adequate training, orientation, and guidance for all activities.

These casual positions have sporadic and varied hours, averaging 6-8 hours/week for 12 months. Rate of pay is commensurate with experience and collective agreement provisions. All duties can be completed remotely, however there may be an opportunity for 1-2 in-person meetings in Alberta.

**Qualifications:**

- Experience or training in reconciliation and healing, with an awareness of diverse Indigenous cultures, values, and perspectives, including protocol and ceremony.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively with Indigenous community members, stakeholders, Elders, and knowledge keepers.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Excel, Outlook, Teams, and PowerPoint.
- Fluency in French an asset.

## How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Lorraine Thirsk at [lthirsk@athabascau.ca](mailto:lthirsk@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 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. We are committed to employment equity and encourage applications from women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

For more information on these Research Assistant Opportunities, please contact Lorraine Thirsk at the coordinates below, on or before March 6th, 2023.

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