

## **Research Assistant Opportunity Casual Position**

**Position start date: ASAP April 15-30, 2023**

### **Overview:**

This research project is intended to map changes in journalism training in response to the rise of user generated content (UGC) as an important element in professional news coverage, in an international comparative study of journalism schools in Canada, the UK, the US and France.

We are seeking a graduate student who can work well in a team and take a leadership role in developing a survey to circulate among journalism schools, liaising with j-schools to secure participation and response, gathering collating and analyzing data results, collaborating with the principal investigators in writing up and presenting results at conferences and in publishable form.

The duration of this project will be about six months, at 15 hours per week depending on the amount of data available. The salary is according to Athabasca University wage scale for RAs. The work will begin April 2023.

### **Qualifications:**

Candidates must be currently engaged in graduate studies in Communication / media studies or journalism studies and have familiarity with communications studies and/or journalism studies research and literatures. Bilingualism in English and French is necessary, at the minimum being able to read French, since some of the data will be in that language.

### **How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Lithgow at [Michael.lithgow@athabascau.ca](mailto:Michael.lithgow@athabascau.ca). Applications should include a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests and experience; a current resume or curriculum vitae; 1-2 names of 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. Lithgow at the coordinates below, on or before April 30, 2023. Applications will be accepted until (04/30/2023) or until a suitable candidate is found.

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