

## Research Assistant Opportunity Casual Position

### A critical comparison of provincial policy responses to household food insecurity in Canada

**Position start date:** As soon as possible

**Overview:** Two research assistant positions are open to support a SSHRC-funded project examining provincial policy responses to household food insecurity across Canada. This project is being done in collaboration with Alberta Health Services Nutrition Services.

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

- Conducting and supporting literature reviews
- Conducting and supporting a policy scan
- Supporting qualitative data analysis (e.g., coding)
- Participating in research team meetings

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Alexa Ferdinands at Athabasca University. Dr. Ferdinands will provide training and mentorship for all research activities. The successful candidate will gain experience in conducting policy scans, qualitative research, and working with partner organizations.

This is a casual position with flexible hours. The rate of pay will be commensurate with experience and collective agreement provisions. All duties can be completed remotely.

**Qualifications:**

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently
- Strong writing skills
- Interest and/or experience in qualitative research
- Interest in nutrition, health equity, and public policy
- French language skills are an asset

**How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Alexa Ferdinands at [aferdinands@athabascau.ca](mailto:aferdinands@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 2 suitable candidates are 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. Alexa Ferdinands ([aferdinands@athabascau.ca](mailto:aferdinands@athabascau.ca)).

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