

**Research Assistant Opportunity  
Casual Position**

**Mental Health and Substance Use Health Workforce Policy**

**Start Date:** As soon as possible

**Overview:** This research assistant position is an opportunity to work with our research team on a CIHR-funded research project examining mental health and substance use health workforce policy.

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

- Conducting and supporting literature reviews, policy scans, policy dialogues, and knowledge mobilization activities such as manuscript preparation;
- Working with a large network of partner organizations;
- Participating in team meetings; and
- Supporting qualitative data analysis.

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Kathleen (Kate) Leslie at Athabasca University. Dr. Leslie will provide training and mentorship for all research activities.

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:**

Requirements include:

- graduate training in nursing, law, public health, or public policy;
- a strong understanding of mental health, substance use health, regulation, and workforce policy;
- experience with qualitative research;
- strong ability to work independently and as part of a research team; and
- excellent research and writing skills

Preferred qualifications include:

- experience supporting research projects;
- experience with reference management software; and
- technological skills with Teams/Zoom to support virtual policy dialogues

**How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Kathleen (Kate) Leslie at [kleslie@athabascau.ca](mailto:kleslie@athabascau.ca). Applications should include (as a single file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests, and experience; a current resume or CV; 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 Dr. Leslie.

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