

Research Assistant Opportunity Casual Position

Position start date: June 2022

Overview: This project is part of a SSHRC funded exploration of community network longevity, focusing on community networks in Argentina and Mexico. This aspects of the project is designing a 'road map' for community network building suitable for print and/or digital circulation.

Specific activities include, but are not limited to: gathering content related to network design, installation and maintenance, and community mobilizing for community network development, along with design of content presentation in a 'road map' / toolkit document

This project will (1) assemble materials relevant to the many stages of community network development, including technical, community relations, financial, governance, vision, expansion, etc. with a view to offering a 'road map' for collaborative community network building. (2) present these materials in a compelling, accessible and helpful design that works in both print and digital contexts.

The primary job duties for the field research assistant (RA-Category 4) will include: Content production and design; working with a designer; overseeing additional research assistance as required.

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Michael Lithgow at Athabasca University.

Qualifications:

Extensive background in computer science and/or communications (Masters degree preferred).

Community network development experience (required).

Community network development experience in South America (preferred).

Familiarity with community network and HCI literatures (required).

Familiarity with mesh network technologies (required).



Spanish language ability (preferred).

The position is based online.

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Lithgow at Michael.lithgow@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; 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 May 10, 2022. Applications will be accepted until (10/05/2022) or until a suitable candidate is found.

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