

## **Research Assistant Opportunity Casual Position**

***"From transactions to relations...moving beyond the necessary to the meaningful in ethical research with humans"***

**Position start date:** 2 September 2025

### **Overview:**

The overarching goal of our "From transaction to relations" workshops is to provide an opportunity for our Athabasca University (AU) Research Ethics Board (REB) members and faculty ethics reviewers to gain further knowledge of the TCPS2 and related ethical principles regarding the review and oversight of research with humans. We recognize within our own constitution and conduct as a Board, a need to adapt and change in order to welcome research in the spirit of knowledge pluralism and knowing which transcends colonial relations of power. Our workshops focus on applying principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and conciliation throughout the ethical review process.

Specifically, we aim to:

1. provide an opportunity for relationship building and information sharing amongst REB members related to inclusive methods for responsible research conduct and ethics review.
2. develop resources and guidance for faculty researchers and graduate student researchers related to the ethical conduct of research with humans; and,
3. inform future development of resources and tools to assist current and future ethics reviewers in their work on the Research Ethics Board and related sub-committees.

### **Position:**

We are seeking to hire a research assistant to attend the workshops facilitated throughout the fall online for REB members and to develop practical tools (e.g. guidelines, best practices, templates, videos) to assist AU graduate students and their supervisors in the conception and articulation of applications for ethical approval for research involving humans. The position will be for approximately 240 hours over 6 months (September-February) at the prescribed RA2 rate of \$21.88 per hour.

The RA is expected to:

- Attend online workshops for REB members
- Analyze the workshops
- Hold two workshops with AU faculty and staff to understand what formats will be helpful for the tools
- Lead the development of the tools

**Qualifications:**

- Experience in research settings
- Understanding of and familiarity with the Tri-Council Policy on research ethics
- Excellent organizational skills and high attention to detail
- Strong written communication skills
- Experience creating materials communicating findings to audiences (such as infographics, guidelines or templates)

**How to apply:**

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Gail Burritt at [gleicht@athabascau.ca](mailto:gleicht@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; and the contact information for 1-2 references. The deadline for application is August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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.

