

## RESEARCH FELLOW AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Job Information	
Position Title	Research Fellow in Law (global/public health law, environmental law)
Category	Research Fellow
Supervisor(s)	Dr. A.M. Viens
Unit	School of Global Health
Location	Keele Campus, York University
Background	
<p>The world is dealing with an unprecedented series of health, social, and economic challenges posed by COVID-19. As attention focuses on measures to stop the spread of the virus, a critical dimension is the governance response to prevent the emergence of zoonoses, such as SARS-CoV-2. With recent reports of China's "wet markets" – one being the likely origin of the current coronavirus – being re-opened; these markets and the wildlife industry that surround them are now at the centre of an intense global debate about whether they should be banned, or if these actions would unleash a range of unintended consequences to livelihoods, cultural identity, and food security.</p> <p>Legal epidemiological analysis will be undertaken to provide surveillance and mapping of relevant international and national law and policies that have been enacted in relation to wildlife markets and will track subsequent One Health indicators of relevance. Legal surveillance and mapping of the different regulatory interventions will allow for the systematic monitoring of the legal landscape in a way that helps to explain and analyze the different decisions, rules, and institutions that shape the governance of wildlife trade and markets.</p>	
Overall Purpose of Postdoctoral Position	
<p>We are looking to appoint a full-time, research fellow for 12 months on a CIHR-funded project entitled, Evaluating the Governance of Emergent Pandemic Zoonoses: A Systems and Legal Analysis of Wildlife Markets. The fellowship will provide an opportunity for an exceptional candidate to conduct research in global health law and legal epidemiology.</p> <p>As a researcher affiliated with the School of Global Health, with the guidance of the supervisor, and within the bounds of the CIHR-funded project mandate, the Research Fellow will work with Dr. A.M. Viens (Associate Professor of Global Health Policy and Director of the School of Global Health) on the legal epidemiology component of the project, as well as with other collaborators on the project.</p>	
Key Responsibilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Search and collect relevant legal materials (e.g., legislation, regulation, governance documents)</li><li>• Code, upload, and analyze legal and policy data from materials</li><li>• Use legal epidemiology platform (MonQcle) to produce legal database and maps</li><li>• Contribute to the development of academic outputs, including peer-reviewed journal manuscripts and conference presentations</li><li>• Coordinate related work with other co-investigators on the project</li><li>• Support integrated and end-of-grant knowledge translation activities</li><li>• Other duties as required</li></ul>	

<b>Skills and Qualifications</b>	
Educational Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LLB/JD or LLM, and/or PhD in law</li> </ul>
Training/Experience Required	<p><b>Essential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LLB/JD or LLM, and/or PhD in law</li> <li>• Experience studying international law, global/public health law, or environmental law</li> <li>• Strong organizational, team, and communication skills.</li> </ul> <p><b>Desirable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience researching within international law, global/public health law, or environmental law</li> <li>• Familiarity with global and/or public health; and/or biodiversity and wildlife trade</li> <li>• Familiarity with global and/or public health</li> <li>• Familiarity with legal epidemiology (and any related software, such as MonQcle)</li> <li>• Experience working in multidisciplinary environment</li> </ul>
<b>Terms and Conditions</b>	
<p>This research fellow position based in the School of Global Health will be 12 months in length, starting as soon as possible. Given COVID-19 restrictions, it is envisioned that most of the work will be done remotely. As such, candidates need not necessarily be resident in Toronto – but they must have the legal right to work in Canada. Once in-person activities resume, the candidate will be working at York University.</p> <p>Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.</p>	
<b>How to Apply</b>	
<p>To apply for this position, please submit the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A detailed cover letter explaining your suitability for the position;</li> <li>An updated CV;</li> <li>A writing sample; and</li> <li>Names and contact details of 2-3 referees.</li> </ol> <p>Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applicants should direct their application to Dr. A.M. Viens at <a href="mailto:amviens@yorku.ca">amviens@yorku.ca</a>, with the subject line: Research Fellow Application – Evaluating the Governance of Emergent Pandemic Zoonoses. We thank all applicants; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. If there are any questions or a candidate would like to discuss the position further, please feel free to email Professor Viens.</p>	