

RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Job Information	
Position Title	Research Assistant
Category	Research Assistant
Supervisor(s)	Dr. Cary Wu
Unit	Department of Sociology
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>An in-depth case study analysis of China will be undertaken to understanding the bread, scope, and meaning of human-wildlife interactions within the OneHealth context, including factors such as cultural meaning, poverty, and environmental changes. Qualitative methods will be used and consist of a literature review, key informant interviews, and focus groups of government officials, urban and rural market users, and food systems stakeholders.</p>	
Overall Purpose of Postdoctoral Position	
<p>We are looking to appoint a part-time research assistant for six months on a CIHR-funded project entitled, Evaluating the Governance of Emergent Pandemic Zoonoses: A Systems and Legal Analysis of Wildlife Markets.</p> <p>As a research assistant, the candidate will work with Dr. Cary Wu on the case study analysis of China portion of the project, as well as with other collaborators on the project. More specifically, the research assistant will be responsible for the following tasks and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct literature review on One Health approach • Collect documents on global implementation of One Health approach 	
Key Responsibilities	
Skills and Qualifications	
Educational Qualifications	Pursing graduate level education or has a Masters or PhD
Training/Experience Required	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate-level student in Social Sciences and/or Public Health Sciences • Experience in systematic literature reviews and qualitative data collection methods • Strong writing skills <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to read in Chinese
Terms and Conditions	
<p>This research assistant position based in the School of Global Health will be six months in length (renewable based on performance), starting as early as November 15, 2021. Given COVID-19 restrictions, it is envisioned that most of the work will be done remotely. As such, candidates need not be resident in Toronto – but they must have the legal right to work in Canada.</p>	

Salary: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

How to Apply

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents:

- i. A detailed cover letter explaining your suitability for the position;
- ii. An updated CV; and
- iii. Names and contact details of 2-3 referees.

Applicants should direct their application to Dr. Cary Wu at carywu@yorku.ca by [October 30, 2021], with the subject line: Research Assistant Application – Evaluating the Governance of Emergent Pandemic Zoonoses. If there are any questions or a candidate would like to discuss the position further, please feel free to email Dr. Wu.