



Promoting Black Students' Mental Health.

Casual Research assistants and research advisors

Number of positions: 6 to 12.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Promoting Black students' Mental Health: A Pan-Canadian Research and Intervention Project on Social Determinants of Health and Equity in Canadian Universities aims to research and implement mental health promotion initiatives by generating knowledge and evidence-based data on the social determinants of mental health of Black students and developing culturally adapted interventions and psychoeducation to improve their health equity. By its results, this project sustains Canadian universities. Its goals are to gather valuable data that will inform and improve mental health programs and services for Black students Mental Health. to develop innovative approaches to equity and social justice to overcome systemic and interpersonal racism in the academic setting.

As part of this initiative, the principal investigator is recruiting Black university students across Canada to work as **advisory committee members** and research assistants on the project. The plan is to hire 1 to 2 Black students (undergraduate and graduate) from each province or region who have solid networks and are actively engaged in their communities for the project. The research assistants/research advisors will represent the rich diversity of Black students across the country. In this aim, we are looking for gender and sexual diversity, linguistic diversity (English and French), cultural and religious diversity. Students living with an impairment, neurolinguistic or physical disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

ROLE AND RESPONSABILITIES

Under the supervision of the principal investigator and the research project coordinator, the research assistants-advisors will, among other duties,

- Attend and participate in the advisory and research meetings and regularly interact with the principal investigator and the research coordinator.
- Support the research team in developing, revising, and validating the data collection tools.
- Advise on data collection procedures and recommend strategies to increase the usefulness of research findings.
- Act as regional pillars to facilitating participant recruitment and support data collection.
- As regional leads, advise on knowledge translation and dissemination in the Black students' communities.
- Support the dissemination of the research and the project communication.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Current lived experience as Black University students (Undergraduate or graduate)
- Excellent communication skills in English or French (Bilingualism will be an asset but not required)
- Experience of previous involvement in Black communities in Canada (through paid work or volunteer experience).
- Strong network and engagement with Black communities in Canada
- Experience with the use of social media.
- Respect for confidentiality, intellectual property and ethical standards.
- High level of maturity, highly organized and detail-oriented
- Excellent critical thinking skills and kin knowledge in Critical Race/anti-Black Racism theory and praxis.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Email, PowerPoint, Excel software, Google doc etc.

- Previous research experience is an asset but not required

CONDITIONS

- Initial appointment of 4 months starting on February 7, 2022
- Casual basis: up to 5 hours a week
- \$ 18 per hour.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit their cover letter and CV in one PDF file by email: aberthel@yorku.ca. Please put BSMHP-Research advisors in the subject line.

The **deadline for submitting an application** is **January 31, 2022**

Note: All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. This is a special opportunity restricted to self-identified Black Students candidates. All applicants must self-identify as Black in their cover letter. Please also specify if you are living with a disability, from the LGBTQ group, or a religious minority in your cover letter.