

JOB DESCRIPTION RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Job Information	
Position Title	Research Assistant
Category	Research Assistant
Supervisor(s)	Dr. Asma Atique; 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, regional, and national law and policies that have been enacted in relation to wildlife markets (and other sources of zoonotic disease) 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 pandemic prevention.</p>	
Overall Purpose of Position	
<p>We are looking to appoint a part-time research assistant for one month on a CIHR-funded project entitled, <i>Evaluating the Governance of Emergent Pandemic Zoonoses: A Systems and Legal Analysis of Wildlife Markets</i>.</p> <p>As a research assistant, the candidate will work with Dr. Asma Atique and Dr. A.M. Viens and on the legal epidemiology 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"> • Search, identify, and compile PDFs of legal and policy instruments from most authoritative sources to ensure they are the most recent versions and extract details on master sheet • Attend weekly research meetings as needed 	
Key Responsibilities	
Skills and Qualifications	
Educational Qualifications	Applicants must have a BA or BSc, or be in the last year of their bachelor's degree. Graduate student experience preferred but not required.
Training/Experience Required	<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with Microsoft Excel • Experience with data entry and organizing materials systematically • Experience searching academic and grey literatures <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with international law, or legal systems generally • Experience with legal research (e.g., searching legal databases)
Terms and Conditions	
<p>This research assistant position based in the School of Global Health will be one month in length (renewable based on performance), starting as soon as possible. This is a part-time position for 10 hours of work per week.</p>	

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.

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 1-2 referees

Applicants should direct their application to Dr. Asma Atique at aatique@yorku.ca by February 24 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. Atique (asmaatique@osgoode.yorku.ca).