

CESI Student Position

Research Shop Assistant (Gender-Based Violence Project)

The [Community Engaged Scholarship Institute](#) (CESI) is hiring two graduate students to join our team as Research Shop Assistants from April 2026 – March 2027. CESI is a research and teaching support unit in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences bringing together campus and community skills and resources to address community research priorities. Our work enables university-community collaborations that positively impact our partners and the wider community.

Reporting to the Research Projects Assistant, the Research Shop Assistant will work closely with research leads to support a federally funded *From Crisis to Collaboration: A Systems Change Blueprint for Gender-Based Violence Organizations* project led by Sustainable Livelihoods Canada.

The Research Shop Assistants will work closely with one or more non-profit organizations working to prevent or reduce gender-based violence in Ontario. Together they will help build a shared understanding of the barriers to economic security and prosperity among women and gender-diverse people working in non-profit organizations and those they support. They will help develop, pilot, and measure solutions to address identified barriers.

Main Duties

- Work with Sustainable Livelihoods Canada team to support ongoing research and evaluation projects, including performing literature reviews, environmental scans, focus groups, surveys, etc.
- Collaborate with other graduate students and researchers in an interdisciplinary setting.
- Receive professional development related to the Sustainable Livelihoods Framework, community engaged scholarship, and knowledge mobilization.
- Attend regular meetings with other Research Shop team members and community partners.
- Design infographics, posters, reports or other products to help translate CESI research into more accessible and visually appealing formats.
- Assist with other ongoing knowledge mobilization priorities and activities, as relevant.

Hours of work will be between 5 and 10 hours per week, up to a total of 200 hours from April 2026 to March 31, 2027. It is anticipated that most work will be done remotely. This position



pays \$25.00/hour. The incumbents must currently be registered as students at the University of Guelph and may be from any program. Training will be provided to the selected candidates.

Required Skills and Experience

- An understanding of the non-profit and gender-based violence sectors in Ontario
- Demonstrated qualitative research skills, especially data analysis
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, especially research synthesis
- Good organizational and project management skills.
- Interest in applying research knowledge to real-life situations and working with diverse teams of community and university partners
- Very strong attention to detail.
- Readiness to learn
- Good judgement and problem-solving skills.

Additional Skills and Experience (Assets)

- Experience developing and implementing knowledge mobilization strategies.
- Experience related to community engagement or community-based research.
- Good graphic design skills, demonstrated in products such as posters, infographics or designed reports.

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion is an institutional imperative. We invite and encourage applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our institution. At CESI we strive to create a working and learning culture that is informed by and committed to anti-oppressive practices.

Application Package

- Short cover letter describing your skills, experience, and interest in this position (max. 1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- An example of a recently completed knowledge mobilization product, such as a research summary, poster or infographic
- Names and contact information for two references

Please submit your application package in one PDF file. The file name should be FirstName_LastName



Application Deadline: Please submit your application package by 11:59pm on Wednesday, April 1. Interviews will be held shortly thereafter.

Send your application package to the attention of:

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