

CESI Student Position

Research Shop Assistant (Agri-Food Innovations)

The [Community Engaged Scholarship Institute](#) (CESI) is hiring two students to join our team as Research Assistants from April 2026 to December 2026. CESI is a research and teaching institute in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences working in collaboration with community organizations 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 Assistant positions will support community engaged research projects in collaboration with the Agricultural Genomics Action Centre.

This activity is approved for inclusion on the Professional and Career Development Record.

Main Duties

- Work with the Research Shop team to support ongoing research projects, primarily performing an in-depth literature review focused on GE3LS (ethical, environmental, economic, legal, and social dimensions of research in climate-smart agriculture), and supporting with the creation of knowledge mobilization outputs for identified audiences.
- Identify key themes, policy implications, and communication strategies
- Help the intended audience to better understand the relevance and importance of GE3LS considerations in agri-food innovations
- Collaborate with other students and/or faculty in an interdisciplinary setting.
- Receive professional development related to community engaged scholarship and knowledge mobilization.
- Attend regular meetings with other Research Assistants and community partners.

Hours of work will be up to 10 hours per week, up to a total of 175 hours from April 2026 to December 2026. It is anticipated that most work will be done remotely. This position pays \$25.00/hour. The incumbents must currently be registered as a student at the University of Guelph and may be from any program. Training will be provided to the selected candidates.

Required Skills and Experience

- Experience conducting literature reviews and/or systematic reviews, including the sourcing and synthesis of policy documents and gray literature.
- Demonstrated strong writing experience

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- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
 - Good organizational and project management skills.
 - Very strong attention to detail.
 - Good judgement and problem-solving skills.
 - Flexibility and desire to learn.
 - Some availability for team meetings, data collection, etc, during regular business hours.

Additional Skills and Experience (Assets)

- Experience and/or working knowledge of agricultural genomics, climate smart practices, and/or sustainable agricultural/food production.
- 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 are working to create a working and learning culture that is informed by and committed to anti-oppressive practices.

Application Package

- Short cover letter describing your interest in this position (max. 1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- An example of a recently completed literature or systematic review
- 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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