

CIRCLE-CESI Student Position Research Assistant

CIRCLE, CESI are collaborating with Dr. Sivapalan and Dr. Khan on their study focusing on improving health access for international students.

The [Canada India Research Centre for Learning and Engagement](#) (CIRCLE) at the University of Guelph is an interdisciplinary nucleus for cutting edge research on India, south Asia and their diasporas. CIRCLE works to showcase, advocate, catalyse, and foster an equitable, respectful, and sustained exchange of knowledge between Canadian and Indian scholars on complex and emerging (and unexplored) topics related to sustainability and social and economic well-being.

The [Community Engaged Scholarship Institute](#) (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 needs. Our work enables university-community collaborations that positively impact our partners and the wider community.

To facilitate data analysis, CIRCLE-CESI will hire a graduate research assistant (GRA) to work with Dr. Sivapalan and Dr. Khan as part of the research study being conducted on the campus of Durham College and Ontario Tech. University. This position is for a period of three months beginning on 01 May 2022.

This research study is focusing on the health of international students studying in Canada; objectives of the study include:

- Increase access to a family doctor and health services for international students
- Determine the prevalence of anemia, thyroid disease, and b12 deficiency within the international student population
- Determine the prevalence of immunization gaps within the international student population
- Identify and address healthcare gaps in medical knowledge specifically regarding mental health, sexual health, contraception and cervical cancer screening
- Develop culturally responsive practices to address health concerns of international students
- Develop a guideline of care which can be used by any community family physician or nurse practitioner

- Develop a plan for transitional care, for students who finish their post-secondary education, and choose to stay in the country to seek avenues towards permanent residency

Main Duties

Currently the study is looking to recruit a research student who would be able to aid in:

- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Working with already collected data along with secondary sources including relevant literature
- Conducting a literature review
- Qualitative Data Analysis on the pre and post intervention questionnaires used in the study

Hours of work will be between 5 and 10 hours per week from May 2022 to July 2022, with possibility of extension. It is anticipated that all/most work will be done remotely. This position pays \$22.50/hour. The incumbent must currently be registered as a student at the University of Guelph.



The student and advisor will work closely with Dr. Khan and Dr. Sivapalan. Data from this project will belong to the community partner and all outputs including publications will need to include Dr. Sivapalan and Dr. Khan as a co-author.

Required Skills and Experience

- An understanding of newcomer/immigrant experiences. This could come from lived experience, or from research or work on the topic
- Quantitative research skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Very strong attention to detail
- Readiness to learn
- Interest in applying research knowledge to real-life situations and working with diverse teams of community and university partners

Training will be provided to the selected candidate. The position is open to students from across the University of Guelph.

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.

Application Package

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Short cover letter describing your interest in this position (max. 1 page)
- Recent writing sample (academic, work or personal)

Application Deadline: Please submit your application package by 11:59pm on Sunday April 10, 2022.

Interviews will be held in April and/or early May. Questions will be circulated in advance and all efforts made to accommodate candidates' participation.

Send your application package to the attention of:

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