

# Hungry for Knowledge

## Call for Applications

The Guelph Lab is calling for applications from graduate students for a research position analyzing survey data on food insecurity amongst university students.

The purpose of the Hungry for Knowledge project is to understand and address food insecurity amongst students at the University of Guelph (UofG). Using data from a 2019 food insecurity survey of UofG students, this position will explore risk factors for food insecurity e.g., ethnic / racial background; source of income; living arrangements.

Time commitment: minimum of 80hrs, up to a max of 110hrs

Start date: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Finish date: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (approximate)

Rate: \$22.50 / hour

## Apply

Please submit 1) a cover letter (max 1 page) and 2) your resume / LinkedIn profile to Sam Laban.  
[slaban@uoguelph.ca](mailto:slaban@uoguelph.ca)

Deadline for submission: **12noon, Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Interviews of shortlisted applicants will take place on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Interviews can be remote or in-person.

## About the Guelph Lab

The [Guelph Lab](#) is a joint initiative of The College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, University of Guelph and the City of Guelph. The purpose of the Lab is to address challenges that have direct impact and relevance to the community.

## About the Position

In this position you will develop a proposed analysis, with consultation from Meal Exchange and other partners in the Hungry for Knowledge project. You will then run descriptive and inferential statistics and create useful and useable summaries of the results.

Deliverables from the project are as follows:

- Short written report. No more than 2-3 pages, to include a summary of the project, a description of methods used and results.
- Summary of results only e.g., a one-page document, presentation slide(s) or infographic. (Format to be determined)
- Library of SPSS files

This position reports to Sam Laban. Sam is the facilitator of the [Guelph Lab](#).

Experience working with statistical software, particularly SPSS, is an advantage. Demonstrated experience using inferential statistics e.g., chi-squares, multivariate regression analyses is also an asset.



The Guelph Lab invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment. In particular, **we encourage applications from graduate students with lived experience of food insecurity.**

The organizations involved with the Hungry for Knowledge project are committed to engaging students living with (or with experience of) food insecurity as partners in this work. One of the ways in which we hope to do this is through our hiring practices. As such, we encourage applications from students living with, or with past experience of, food insecurity.

There are many dimensions to food insecurity. Someone who is food insecure can't access the food they need or is worried they won't be able to access food. Food insecurity can be moderate or severe. It is heavily influenced by income, but also associated with not being able to access good quality food and/or culturally appropriate foods. To learn more about food insecurity and the experiences of food insecure students, please review this report from [Meal Exchange](#).

## About the Hungry for Knowledge Project

With growing evidence of food insecurity amongst post-secondary students, Guelph has the opportunity to be in the vanguard of universities responding to this issue. Working in partnership with Meal Exchange, a national student-led organization addressing food insecurity on and off campuses, the Hungry for Knowledge project aims to bring together students, senior administrators, researchers and university staff to better understand and address student food insecurity.



In 2019, Meal Exchange, the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute (CESI), Universities Fighting World Hunger Guelph (UFWH) and Dr. Laura Forbes partnered on research to understand the experiences and prevalence of food insecurity amongst students at U of Guelph.