

**Research Assistant Opportunity
2 Casual Positions
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Start Date: June 2020

Overview:

Dr. Mickey Vallee, Canada Research Chair in Community, Identity and Digital Media invites applications for a Casual Research Assistant (RA III) or Graduate Research Assistant (GRA2) with a salary range of \$18.50-\$23.55/hr. This casual position is considered sporadic, with irregular hours, is for approximately 6 months (May 15 2020 – November 15 2020), with the possibility of extension. The position reports to the Principal Investigator.

Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

- Managing complex literature reviews, using SAGE CKRN, Academic Search Complete, ProQuest, Google Scholar, and Web of Science
- Cross-referencing current research in the biological sciences and cultural theory. Strong preference for candidates with familiarity with new materialist methods, critical posthumanities, and science & technology studies, as well as media/cultural theory
- Performing qualitative data analysis under general supervision, familiarity with NVIVO software
- Preparing research dissemination and targeting journals for submission of research, showing familiarity with journal rankings, impact factors, and probabilities for high impact
- Preparing routine reports, as requested, for submission to the PI
- Perform basic maintenance of the PI's laboratory instruments as directed by the PI
- Attending laboratory meetings as/if they arise

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Mickey Vallee at Athabasca University.

Qualifications:

It is expected that the Research Assistant would have an interdisciplinary background in the sciences and humanities/social sciences, or be nearing the completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree(s) in an interdisciplinary field combining (1) health or natural sciences and (2) research creation in the fine arts.



The candidate will not be obliged to travel for the work. But the preferred candidate will reside in Calgary, Alberta, in order to have direct access to laboratory instruments.

The position is based in Calgary, Alberta.

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Mickey Vallee at mickeyvallee@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests and experience; a current resume or curriculum vitae; an unofficial copy of your transcript; and the contact information for 1-2 references.

Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. All applicants are thanked for their interest in this position; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are committed to employment equity and encourage applications from women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

For more information on this Research Assistant Opportunity, please contact Mickey Vallee, PhD on or before May 18, 2020.