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**Kloshe Tillicum: Creating trustworthy and culturally meaningful public health guidance to address COVID-19 in Indigenous communities**

Job title: Research Assistant

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Hours/week: 20-40 hours to be negotiated

Desired start-date: August 1, 2021 (flexible)

Contract length: 6-9 months, to be negotiated

Salary: \$24 - \$29 hourly, depending on experience

Location: Kloshe Tillicum operates out of the BC Center for Disease Control (BCCDC) located in Vancouver, BC. However, job duties can be performed remotely; we welcome applicants from across BC.

**Job summary**

The Research Assistant will be responsible for supporting and coordinating research-related activities for Kloshe Tillicum (“Good Relations” in Chinook, a simplified language based on French, English, Chinook and other Indigenous languages and used throughout BC at the turn of the century to help with trade and communication between the settlers and the First Nations peoples), a collaborative project between researchers working within BCCDC’S Chee Mamuk program and Simon Fraser University (SFU).

Kloshe Tillicum builds on relationships between Chee Mamuk and numerous Indigenous communities through BC. Using Indigenous and community-led strategies, Kloshe Tillicum works with Indigenous communities throughout BC in order to assess community-led and culturally meaningful strategies to build trust with regard to the COVID-19 public health communications and response (e.g., testing, contact tracing, physical distancing, and vaccination).

**About Chee Mamuk**

The Chee Mamuk program within the BCCDC is a comprehensive, evidence-based, community-driven program that has been working in relationship with Indigenous communities across BC for 30 years. Our program provides innovative and culturally appropriate public health information grounded in science and tradition. The collective goal of the Chee Mamuk program is

to develop programming and resources that are engaging and meaningful to communities in reclaiming culture and traditional teachings.

### **Tasks and Responsibilities**

Research Assistant responsibilities will include:

- Scheduling and coordinating focus group and interviews in communities throughout the province
- Liaise with diverse range of stakeholders to share and gather feedback on project findings
- Conduct focus groups and/or interviews with community members
- Work collaboratively with Kloshe Tillicum team members to analyze qualitative data
- Collate and synthesize findings from focus groups and interviews
- Assist with the creation of reports and other communication tools

### **Qualifications**

- Previous volunteer or work experience in Indigenous community work and/or community-based research
- Commitment to the principles outlined in the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Actions
- Experience conducting qualitative interviews and/or focus groups and analyzing qualitative data
- Ability and interest to work with a collaborative team, with members from diverse disciplines and personal and professional backgrounds
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; ability to communicate effectively with diverse range of stakeholders
- Willingness and ability to travel to communities throughout BC to conduct interviews and/or focus groups (as permitted by COVID-19 public health measures)

### **How to apply**

Please send the following to Sarah Watt, Research Coordinator, at [sarah.watt@BCCDC.ca](mailto:sarah.watt@BCCDC.ca) by June 22, 2021 in your preferred format (email, letter, video, voice recording, to list a few formats):

- Cover letter (optional) and résumé/CV/work experience
- Responses to the following questions:
  - What interests you in this position?
  - How would you describe your work and engagement experience with Indigenous people and communities?
  - What are your career goals?