**Travelling the River Towards a Skookum Surrey Research Project**

**JOB TITLE:** Research Assistant

**JOB DEFINITION:**

The research assistant will be an SFU graduate student with an interest in learning about and engaging with Indigenous community-based, experiential research.

**STUDY SUMMARY:**

In this study we explore the benefits of experiential learning opportunities for improving relationships between health care and social service providers and Surrey’s urban Indigenous community. The intention is to address anti-Indigenous racism and discrimination through a co-learning model that emphasizes cultural revitalization, ceremony, land-based activities, and learning from elders.

Dr. Lyana Patrick of Simon Fraser University has partnered with Skookum Surrey and Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee (SUILC) for this project. We will conduct workshops and one on one interviews with health care and social service providers and urban Indigenous community members, and host four (4) engagement sessions with the assistance of local First Nations. The engagement activities will culminate in a canoe journey with all research participants. The project includes a film component that is intended to be used as material for cultural safety and education training.

**JOB SUMMARY:**

Interest or experience in knowledge translation through report writing, conference presentations, and journal article submission will be an asset. The research assistant will help plan and organize engagement sessions and participate in team meetings throughout the duration of the project. They will participate in other research activities where appropriate (e.g., conducting a literature review, data collection and analysis, knowledge mobilization, etc.). This position is open to an SFU student and is aimed at those with an academic or personal interest in urban Indigenous health issues. Students with previous experience working in Indigenous, community-based research are strongly encouraged to apply.

**DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Assist with data collection and analysis
2. Attend two (2) canoe events in 2024
3. Assist with planning and organization of all research activities and attend team meetings

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* SFU graduate student
* Interest/experience in Indigenous community-based research, particularly as it relates to urban Indigenous health

**COMPENSATION:**

Compensation will be a rate of $25 per hour for approximately 5-10 hours of work per week for 10 months. Though we expect to do many things virtually, any travel, food and incidentals will be provided for in-person meetings or workshops.

**TO APPLY:**

Please submit a resume and cover letter outlining why you are interested in this project by **June 10st** to:

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