



INDIGENOUS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The Opportunity

Nanaboozhoo! The [Centre for Child Development, Mental Health, and Policy \(CCDMP\)](#) at UTM is hiring an Indigenous Research Assistant that will support a community-based training initiative that aims to promote educators' and service providers' capacities to nurture the well-being of Black and Indigenous children and families living in Canada. This student will assist with a community-based project focused on understanding and promoting healthy development and well-being among Indigenous children and families in Ontario.

This is an excellent opportunity for a student who is eager to strengthen their relationship building, communication, and community engagement skills, as well as work in a multidisciplinary research setting. This research position will be particularly applicable for those with an interest in developmental science, well-being promotion, and pursuing graduate studies in developmental or clinical child psychology.

The Team

The student will work closely with the CCDMP's research team (including faculty, staff, graduate students), community partners, and members of the Indigenous community in Ontario.

The Role

The appointment, to start immediately, is for 5 months to start and is renewable based on project needs and performance. The pay rate is \$17/hour for 10-12 hours per week. The student will be required to occasionally work on site in our offices located at UTM and various community locations in Peel. Hybrid work arrangement is possible.

Duties and responsibilities will include:

- Assisting in the planning and implementation of a needs assessment for Indigenous caregivers and training curricula for educators and service providers
- Supporting the development of knowledge translation materials for the project (e.g., infographics, reports)
- Attending weekly team meetings, monthly lab meetings, and scheduled community partner meetings and events.

The Ideal Candidate

We strongly encourage those who identify as an individual with lived experience as part of an Indigenous community to apply.

- Must be an undergraduate student from the University of Toronto and have a background in a social and behavioral or health sciences field.
- Experience and interest in working with Indigenous populations.
- Strong interest and experience in community engagement.
- Strong social and communication skills.
- Ability to be detail oriented and work comfortably both independently and collaboratively.
- Experience in design (e.g., Canva) is an asset.

How to Apply

Please send the following application materials in a single .PDF file (file name: FirstNameLastName_ResearchAssistant):

1. Cover letter that includes year and program of study, statement of interest and experiences working with Indigenous communities, and where you found this job posting.
2. Resume.
3. Academic transcript (unofficial screenshots from ROSI/ACORN are acceptable).

Please email your application to Sian Day (sian.day@mail.utoronto.ca) with "Research Assistant" in the subject line. For more information about us, please visit our website at <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/ccdmp/> or contact Sian Day.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission. The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment, and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities. If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact ccdmp@utoronto.ca.