

## **Job Posting: Research Assistant (2 positions, RA1 and RA2)**

**Hours of Work:** Approx. 15-20 hours per week; 3-4 month contract beginning in May 2019, with potential for renewal

**Research Projects:** The Research Assistants will be a part of a team investigating the role of the built environment and innovation in public education in reducing inequities in children's educational success and well-being. Both projects are being led by Dr. Sejal Patel (Associate Professor, Early Childhood Studies, Ryerson University).

(A) The first is a transdisciplinary research project currently in the knowledge mobilization phase, investigating the role of the built environment in children's educational success and well-being. The project brings together community partners, policy-makers, practitioners, the general public, students as well as scholars in education, planning, and community development. (B) The second research project investigates how the Toronto District School Board's (TDSB) comprehensive Model Schools for Inner Cities (MSIC) program works and what initial conditions and program features help contribute to sustainable improvements in the educational success and well-being of children living in marginalized communities.

Working in a supportive setting, the Research Assistants will report to Dr. Sejal Patel and will liaise with members of the research team as necessary. They will have access to shared office space at Ryerson University.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Conduct academic literature/document searches and reviews
- Assist with data collection, reduction, management and analyses
- Assist in the preparation of community reports, presentations and scholarly publications
- Participate in and support research mobilization activities and team meetings

### **Qualifications:**

- Currently enrolled as a graduate/senior undergraduate student (RA1), or holds a graduate degree (RA2)
- Knowledge of academic search engines (Scholar's Portal, ERIC, Ryerson University Library & Archives. etc.)
- Excellent communication (written and oral), time management and organizational skills
- Experience working with children and families and/or in community-based research studies
- Reliable, highly motivated, detail-oriented and able to meet deadlines
- Strong computer proficiency (including Microsoft Word, Powerpoint) and proficiency in analyzing qualitative/quantitative data (experience in using NVivo and SPSS)
- Able to work efficiently independently and in a team environment

**Closing Date:** *We will begin review of applications on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (2019) and will continue reviewing until the positions are filled.*

### **Please submit cover letter and resume via email to:**

Dr. Sejal Patel, Associate Professor, Early Childhood Studies, Ryerson University  
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We thank all applicants for their interest. Those selected for an interview will be contacted.