About the project

Two Research Assistants are needed to work on one study, which is part of the Inclusive Communities for Older Immigrants (ICOI). ICOI is a project funded by SSHRC and focusing on generating knowledge about social isolation and connectedness among older immigrants.

The opportunity

Two Research Assistants (RAs) - one fluent in English/Arabic and one fluent in English/Mandarin - are needed to support the work of a three-month study. This study aims to identify the key risk factors for social isolation in older immigrants. The RAs will work closely with the research team under the direction of Dr Satwinder Bains at the University of the Fraser Valley. The RAs will support data collection among Arabic and Mandarin-speaking immigrant seniors, using a survey.

Responsibilities

- Recruit Mandarin and Arabic speaking immigrant seniors with support from local site community partners, academic leads, and the Provincial Coordinator.
- Provide study information for interested older immigrants, and schedule phone calls, zoom meetings, or in-person meetings, depending on the participant’s preference.
- Attend phone calls, zoom meetings, or in-person meetings to support participants (may require some local travel).
- Translate participant survey data into English and input survey data into the online platform.
- Work with local site academic leads and the Provincial Coordinator to ensure all data collection protocols are followed.

Qualifications

- Students/recent graduates with training or equivalent education and experience in social work, immigration, mental health, health promotion, community-based research, and/or other related fields or disciplines.
- Students at Undergraduate or Master’s level preferred.
Excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills in English and Mandarin/Arabic
- Good judgment, tact, and cultural awareness in working with older immigrants.
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team.
- Strong computer skills in Google Forms, Microsoft Word, and Excel.
- Demonstrated ability to meet timelines and achieve project objectives and targets.
- Provide proof of Covid-19 full vaccination.

**How to apply**
Please email your application to Amy Cox at amygc@uvic.ca. Applications should be submitted in PDF or Word formats. In the subject line please indicate: “Application: ICOI Research Assistant”.

Applications should include: a cover letter, a CV, two writing samples, and the names and contact information of three references.

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only candidates who are invited to an interview will be contacted.

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To protect the health and safety of community members will require employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit proof of vaccination.