

Call for applications for a Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)

Examining the impact of a biomedical research seminar “deconstruction” course in lower-level undergraduate science on attitudes towards and perceptions of research.

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Hours per week: Approximately 6-10 hours per week. Hours will vary according to the requirements of the project and GRA availability.

Salary: 29.65 CAD/hour

Description of Project: This project is designed to assess the short-term impact of a new course, CAPS 200, on student’s ability to effectively understand and communicate the thought process, logic motivation and scientific techniques used in biomedical sciences. Evaluation will take a mixed method approach including pre- and post-surveys, interviews, observation and basic analytics. In addition, at the end of the course, faculty will be interviewed to collect comments on the first iteration of the course and recommendations for future course design.

Job description: The GRA will be responsible to assist in design and testing of online surveys
2) assist in design of interview questions
3) conduct interviews (including scheduling of participants, transcribing the interviews,
4) participate in the analysis of the data and preparation of follow up publications.

Qualifications

Strong interpersonal skills
Effective communications skills (written and verbal)
Ability to take initiative and work independently
Experience with creation of online surveys
Understanding of the scientific process

Position start date: October 6th 2014 or when filled

Position end date: August 31st, 2015

Interested candidates should submit a resume and short cover letter highlighting their interest and suitability for the position. Review of applications begins on October 6th and will continue until the position is filled. Questions and materials should be sent to sally.osborne@ubc.ca