



RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac, Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre Faculty of Education and Department of Child and Youth Study

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About the Opportunity

Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac is seeking to hire a Community Research Assistant with diploma, undergraduate or graduate training at the Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre. The Research Assistant will be involved in a project funded by the Change Lab Action Research Initiative (CLARI), titled “Community Evaluation of the Farsi School of the Iranian Cultural Society of Nova Scotia,” in partnership with the Iranian Cultural Society of Nova Scotia (ICSNS). The goal of this research is to respond to our community partner’s question to understand the experiences of children, families, and teachers when accessing the Farsi school at ICSNS. This research project is positioned within the research programs of Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac (Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre, Mount Saint Vincent University) and Nahal Fakhari (Research Coordinator, Doctoral Student, Dalhousie University).

The Community Research Assistant will predominately be involved with data collection within participants at the Farsi school. This opportunity will enhance learning experience and support the Community Research Assistant in gaining research experience. The position will require some data collection work on Sundays.

The job opportunity is a temporary, part-time position.

About You

- Bilingual in the Farsi language and familiar with the Farsi school and ICSNS
- Have familiarity with Early Childhood Education
- Have experience in working with Farsi-speaking children and families in Canada
- Near completion of a Diploma, Bachelor’s degree or enrolled in a Graduate program in a related discipline (Child and Youth Study, Education, Applied Human Nutrition, Family Studies and Gerontology, etc.) is required.

- Excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated strong work ethic, critical thinking, problem solving and sound judgement.
- Self-motivated and able to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team.
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Classification: Part-time (up to 6 hours/week from May to July)

Starting Salary: \$19-21 per hour

Start Date: May 2024

Application Process:

Please email a cover letter and resume that outlines your specific experience related to the job information and required skills to Sarah.Caldwell@msvu.ca. This competition closes on April 29th 2024. We thank all candidates for their application but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mount Saint Vincent University is strongly committed to fostering diversity and inclusion within our community and encourages applications from all qualified candidates including women, persons of any sexual orientations and gender identities and/or expressions, Indigenous persons, African Canadians, other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, and other groups that would contribute to the diversification of our campus. Candidates who identify as being from any of these groups are encouraged to voluntarily self-identify in their application materials. We thank all candidates for their application but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.