Research Assistant Opportunity Casual Position (R1)

Project: Artificial Intelligence for Language Teaching and Learning

Start Date: As soon as possibleLocation: Home-based

Time Commitment: Approx. 96 hours/month (or 24 hours/week) until June 30, 2025 (Possibility of extension or new role on Research Team)

Project Overview: This research project will investigate the applications of artificial intelligence (AI) and technology for language learning.

Role/Responsibilities:

The primary responsibility of the Research Assistant will be to assist in conducting a study (i.e., literature review, data collection/interviews, data analysis) exploring the ways Artificial intelligence in Education (AIEd) and related technologies are currently being used in the context language learning and adult education. This position will require the Research Assistant to:

- Assist with writing a literature review that involves collecting and synthesizing relevant research from academic journals, databases or websites
- Assist with the development and organization of study documentation, ethics review forms, and resources
- Collect data through online surveys and interviews with study participants
- Co-develop and integrate learning materials into courses
- Regularly meet with the Principal Investigator and/or Research Team

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Levina Yuen at Athabasca University. Opportunities for professional development, technology training, and research publications will be available. There is also a possibility for an extension or new role on the Research Team.

Qualifications:

- Interest in artificial intelligence and its implications for teaching and learning
- Strong communication skills, good judgement, and ability to take initiative
- Proficient writing skills and experience with conducting graduate research studies (preferred)
- Basic knowledge of Moodle/BrightSpace learning management system, MS Office (e.g., Excel) and Google Apps required.
- Familiarity with qualitative/quantitative methods and/or basic programming languages are an asset.

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Levina Yuen at cyuen@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests and experience, plus a current resume or curriculum vitae. Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. All applicants are thanked for their interest in this position; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Athabasca University and the researchers are committed and seek to support equity in employment and research opportunities. We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous people, people of colour, people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+ people, women, and other historically marginalized groups. Applicants are welcome, but not required, to self-identify in their letter of application.

For more information on this Research Assistant Opportunity, please contact Dr. Levina Yuen:

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