

Research Assistant Opportunity Casual Position

Start Date: May 1, 2025

End Date: Aug 31, 2025

Overview: The Alliance against Violence and Adversity (AVA) is a training platform and knowledge mobilization hub focused on addressing gender violence and adversity by bringing down barriers between academia and community to generate community-driven, actionable and impactful research (avatraining.ca). A core part of AVA's training program are the AVA Online Training Modules, an online, asynchronous curriculum equivalent to a 3-credit university course consisting of content (modules) provided by community/health and academic experts from across Canada organized into four major themes (adult gender violence, child adversity, implementation science, EDIA) and three micro-credentialed levels (AVA Foundations - Badge, AVA Intermediate - Badge and AVA Advanced - Certificate). The AVA Certificate requires completion of a Capstone Reflection assignment. AVA Online was designed for diverse scholars, from current students to social workers, nurses and other practitioners; individuals with lived experience in gender violence are part of the AVA Online design team.

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Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

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The primary job duties for the research assistant (Research Assistant 1, AUPE, R-5) will include:

- Assisting with data download and cleaning, in preparation for analyses
- Literature review to support the Introduction
- Writing a draft of an Introduction, Methods and Discussion section and contributing to the Results section
- Assisting in preparing the manuscript for submission for publication (i.e., adjusting formatting, writing a cover letter draft)

The successful candidate will work with, and directly report to, Dr. Kharah Ross at Athabasca University. Dr. Ross will provide adequate training for the data cleaning, literature review and writing that will be required.

Qualifications:



- Athabasca University Psychology Program Student in the final year of their program.
- Completed Research Methods and an Introduction to Statistics course
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, particularly Word
- Previous experience with academic writing (manuscripts, abstracts) is an asset
- Previous experience with AVA Online is an asset

How to apply:

Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit their application by email to Dr. Kharah Ross at kharahr@athabascau.ca. Applications should include (as a single PDF file) a brief cover letter that summarizes your skills, interests and experience; a current resume or curriculum vitae; an unofficial copy of your transcript; and the contact information for 1-2 references.

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. Kharah Ross, PhD at the coordinates below.

Hours per week are approximate and may vary based upon activity. This position has a maximum of 40 hours.

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