

Sociology – Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) – DIY: Digital Safety Project

Faculty/Unit:	Faculty of Social Science
Department:	Sociology
Employee Group:	Student
Appointment Type:	Contract
Appointment Status:	Temporary Part-Time
Start Date:	February 20, 2023
End Date:	April 30, 2023, with an opportunity for renewal
Hours per Week:	0-8
Hourly Rate:	\$25.00

Responsibilities

The Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) will apply their expertise and knowledge to research projects and carry out or oversee original and independent research under the direction of a principal investigator and a wider research team. They will ultimately be responsible for overseeing, managing, and training other graduate student assistants as the project progresses.

The incumbent will contribute/join a vibrant team on a SSHRC funded project – *Digitally Informed Youth (DIY): Digital Safety* – which runs until April 2027. The GSA will be responsible for recruiting research participants for focus groups of youth (ages 13-18) in Ontario, Alberta, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and the Yukon. They will also manage the focus group logistics, conduct some of the focus groups, and analyse the data using NVivo software.

Applicants are also expected to have outstanding organisational and project management skills; have experience working with research teams; the ability to supervise others; and have a background in a relevant field (e.g., education, gender-based violence, technology-facilitated violence, sexual violence, or youth).

We prefer candidates who have skills or experience with creating social media content and maintaining websites.

Although not required, if you have any of the following skills, please mention them in your cover letter or highlight them in your CV: survey design skills; experience analysing media texts (e.g., news articles); graphic design; and/or fluency in French.

Finally, candidates must have a strong interest in research on social inequalities, particularly around young people and gender-based/sexual violence. Candidates must also be familiar with feminist theories and methodologies, including technology-facilitated sexual violence as well as intersectionality and gender.

Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter, CV, writing sample, and 1 letter of reference.

Qualifications

Education:

- PhD degree (or being a PhD candidate) in a relevant discipline required

Experience:

- 1 year of work experience in a related academic research environment

Essential Skills, Abilities & Expertise:

- Academic experience in the fields of education, gender-based violence, technology-facilitated violence, sexual violence, and/or youth
- Demonstrated working knowledge of feminist theories and methodologies, such as gender and intersectionality, gender-based sexual violence, and youth
- Outstanding organizational skills and ability to multi-task and maintain an organized and effective personal work environment
- Prior experience working in research teams
- Project management skills and ability to coordinate groups
- Experience conducting and analysing focus groups, ideally with diverse groups of young people (under 18)
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently and effectively as a member of the team to achieve research goals
- Proven ability to develop relationships by interacting with people in a professional, respectful, and diplomatic manner
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to work in a fluid and evolving work environment with changing deadlines and priorities
- Ability to adhere to legislated safety requirements and Western University's safety policies
- Commitment to ongoing professional development with a desire to take on new challenges

Preferred Skills, Abilities, and Experience

- Website management
- Social media management

Additional Skills, Abilities, and Experience

Although not required, if you have any of the following, please mention them:

- Survey design
- Fluency in French
- Graphic design skills
- Ability to conduct textual analysis of media/news articles

Applying at Western

Please forward a cover letter, CV, and writing sample to gfinlay4@uwo.ca by Monday, February 20, 2023.

Consideration of applicants will include an assessment of previous performance, experience, and qualifications. Applicants should have excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

Western Values Diversity

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Human Resources at hrhelp@uwo.ca or phone 519-661-2194.

Please Note:

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.