

Full-time Research Associate/Coordinator

** position available immediately**

Department of Geography

Simon Fraser University

A research associate/coordinator position in the field of health geography/qualitative health (services) research is available immediately in the Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University. The incumbent will work under the supervision of Dr. Valorie Crooks on a number of interdisciplinary research studies in a highly productive and collaborative environment. These studies are primarily funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research with some additional support through Dr. Crooks' Canada Research Chair in Health Service Geographies. Most are focused on understanding the ethical and equity dimensions of global health care mobilities (medical tourism, offshore medical schools, international retirement migration), with a strong regional focus on the Anglophone Caribbean (see: www.sfu.ca/medicaltourism), while there is one study examining palliative care in the rural Canadian context that may require some support. There are also opportunities to have involvement with newly developing research examining the ethical dimensions of medical crowdfunding (see: crowdfundingforhealth.org).

The successful applicant must have at least a Master's degree in a relevant field and experience in working with qualitative data collection and analysis. S/he must have excellent writing skills and have demonstrated the ability to work independently but as part of a collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment. Activities will include: liaising with research team members and collaborators; developing and disseminating an informational tool using research findings about informal caregiving in medical tourism; identifying and summarizing background literature for ongoing analyses, with a strong focus on medical tourism in the Caribbean; organizing primary data (e.g., interviews, focus groups); coordinating multiple book and publication projects; assisting with the preparation of new grant applications; participating in appropriate team and data analysis meetings; and other tasks as they emerge. There are opportunities for publication co-authorship for the successful applicant, as deemed appropriate.

The incumbent will work directly with Dr. Crooks. It is not necessary for him/her to be based at or near Simon Fraser University as tasks can be done remotely and ongoing meetings and updates can be done via e-mail and video communication. However, if the successful applicant is locally-based work space in Dr. Crooks' lab can be made available.

This position is for a full-time Research Associate/Coordinator contract for a six-month period of time. There is flexibility in working hours. Additional employment may be available after the end of this contract, but will be subject to the satisfactory performance of all requirements and/or the availability of grant/contract funds. For the right candidate it is possible to negotiate a 50% or 75% time contract if desired. Salary will be determined based on experience.

Please send CV and a cover letter to Dr. Valorie Crooks at crooks@sfu.ca as soon as possible. All questions can also be directed to Dr. Crooks.