

Research Assistant Position

Posting Date: November 24, 2020

Closing date: December 3, 2020

The Faculty of Law, Queen's University, requests applications from suitably qualified JD students interested in a research assistant position working for Professor VASANTHAKUMAR.

Description:

Professor Vasanthakumar is looking for THREE research assistants to work on a SSHRC-funded project on transitional justice and reconciliation. The project aims to develop a general theory of transitional justice as transnational justice and identify the role(s) displaced communities should play in transitional justice processes. The project uses Sri Lanka as a case study and qualitative research will be conducted amongst Sri Lankan emigrants in Toronto once it is safe to do so. There are three areas of inquiry for three RAs:

- (1) Theories of transitional justice and reconciliation in legal and political philosophy
- (2) Comparative analysis of different transitional justice processes and the role, if any, of displaced populations;
- (3) Case study analysis of Sri Lanka (post-Independence to the present)

These positions are ideal for students interested in transitional justice and reconciliation, normative theory, the case study, and who wish to obtain legal research and writing experience.

Please be advised that due to the current COVID-19 Situation, the work for this position will be done remotely. The RA must have access to the internet and a computer that meets [minimum requirements](#). All work can be completed during the regular 9-5 work week, but candidates can work outside of that time frame if they prefer.

Qualifications:

Candidates will be selected based on interest, availability, and academic merit. Ability to design and maintain a website would be useful. Please note any language skills.

For each RA position:

Length of contract: 20 weeks (January 11 – May 31), with possibility to continue into a second year.

Hours per week: 15 hours

Hourly Rate: \$15.50/hour (+4% in lieu of vacation and/or benefits)



Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit the following materials:

- Cover email, stating your interest in the position and highlighting relevant experience.
- Complete and current curriculum vitae.
- Informal transcripts from both Queen's Law and your undergraduate program of study (these transcripts can be in the form of a screen grab).
- Name of a professor who can be contacted for an informal reference.

Please address applications to:

Miranda Gavidia, Human Resources and Staffing

Email: lawpositions@queensu.ca

The University will provide support in its recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that takes into account an applicant's accessibility needs. If you require accommodation during the application process, please contact Miranda Gavidia.

For additional details and information on the position, please contact Professor Ashwini Vasanthakumar at ashwini.vasanthakumar@queensu.ca.

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