

## Research Assistant Position

**Posting date:** May 8, 2025

**Closing date:** May 20, 2025

The Faculty of Law, Queen's University, requests applications from suitably qualified JD students interested in a Research Assistant ("RA") position working with Professor Gail Henderson.

### **Description:**

Professor Henderson is looking for one J.D. student to help with part-time research on financial consumer protection. The main project will be helping to update a regulatory scan of the regulation of alternative financial services with the goal of producing an open-access online guide. You can view a draft version of the regulatory scan at [regulatory-scan-working-draft.pdf](#). This builds on work produced for the Canadian Financial Diaries Project (<https://financialdiaries.ca/>). Research tasks will include updating federal and provincial legislation and researching the regulation of new and emerging financial products (eg, 'buy now pay later' loans). Cases related to these products are rare, so for the most part research tasks will not involve reading or summarizing case law.

Another project you may be asked to assist with involves a media study of illegal lending in Canada. This work will involve reading, categorizing and coding news articles. The goal of this project is to gain a better understanding of the types and extent of illegal lending in Canada, including criminal loan sharking.

If you have any questions about the work involved, please contact Professor Henderson at [gail.henderson@queensu.ca](mailto:gail.henderson@queensu.ca).

### **Qualifications:**

Excellent research and writing skills, demonstrated by prior experience; demonstrated ability to work independently; an interest in the intersection between financial regulation and social justice. Experience conducting or assisting interdisciplinary academic research and familiarity with NVivo software are assets but not required. The successful applicant will commit to regularly checking work email, responding in a timely manner, and proactively communicating progress on assigned tasks. Most of the work can be done remotely, although occasional access to the Queen's Law library may be required/helpful. All work can be completed during the regular 9-5 work week, but candidates may work outside of that time frame if they prefer.



Length of contract: 12-13 weeks (beginning of June to the end of August), with the possibility of extension.

Hours per week: an average of 15 hours per week

Hourly Rate: \$22.00/hour (+4% in lieu of vacation)

### **Application Procedure**

Queen's is strongly committed to employment equity, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace and encourages applications from Black, racialized/visible minority and Indigenous/Aboriginal people, women, persons with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ persons. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

Interested applicants should submit the following materials:

- (1) a **one-page** cover letter indicating your experience and interests related to the research, and any time commitments you already have this summer;
- (2) a resumé; and
- (3) an informal transcript from Queen's Law. Applicants can include undergraduate transcripts if relevant to the research, but this is not required. Transcripts can be unofficial (e.g. SOLUS pdf, etc.).

Professor Henderson will follow up with applicants directly.

### **Please address applications to:**

Meadow Morrison, Human Resources Administrator

Email: [lawpositions@queensu.ca](mailto: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 Meadow Morrison.

For additional details and information on the position, please contact:

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