

Research Assistant Positions

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Closing date: April 18, 2025

The Faculty of Law, Queen's University, requests applications from suitably qualified JD and graduate students interested in Research Assistant ("RA") positions working with Professor Cherie Metcalf.

Description:

Professor Metcalf is looking for 2-3 students to help with part-time research over the summer. A major focus of the research is on climate law and policy. Another component relates to private rights of action for enforcing regulations.

There are multiple specific tasks involved, so there will be some opportunity for RAs to do work that reflects their background and interests. Some specific components of the research will relate to i) helping with a chapter (on climate adaptation) and an edited collection on effective climate action; ii) helping with an article on algorithmic zoning and climate risk; iii) helping with research around theories of risk perception, political polarization and how they related to legal institutions (Canada-US); iv) a comparative survey project on how presence of private rights of action matters to public's view of new legislation for dealing with AI deepfakes, PFAS ("forever") chemicals (Canada-US); v) general research on private rights of action and their role in Canadian law.

The research includes some empirical studies. RAs will not be expected to directly contribute to the empirical analysis but should have some interest in helping with background research. The research will incorporate law and economics perspectives, as well as empirical methods used in behavioral economics / social psychology / politics.

RAs are sought for part time work that will continue over the summer (May-August). There may be potential to continue with part-time work over the following academic year.

If you have any questions about the work involved, please contact Professor Metcalf at metcalfc@queensu.ca.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have strong legal research and writing skills and an interest in the research areas. Research will draw on secondary literature from related fields, such as economics, psychology and

politics; experience and interest in these fields may be helpful but is not necessary. Please also note any skills related to empirical work, although these are not necessary.

The work can be done remotely. RAs must have access to high-speed internet and a computer that meets minimum requirements. 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: May 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025

Proposed start date: May 1, 2025

Hours per week: Approximately 10 hours per week over a period of 12 - 16 weeks (negotiable)

Hourly Rate: \$20 /hour (+4% in lieu of vacation) (JD rate)

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 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 brief (1-2 paras) statement indicating your interests and experience related to the research, and availability from May 1
- (2) a resume
- (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.)
- (4) any other material the applicant deems relevant (e.g. if you wish, you can include the name of a reference).

Professor Metcalf will contact selected candidates to confirm mutually satisfactory hours and availability to complete research tasks during the summer.



Please address applications to:

Meadow Morrison, Human Resources Administrator

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 Meadow Morrison.

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

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