

## Research Assistant Positions

**Posting date:** April 28, 2026

**Closing date:** May 7, 2026

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

### **Description:**

Professor Metcalf is looking for 2 J.D. students to help with part-time research on two projects.

The first project relates to SSHRC funded research on climate change law and policy. There are several components to the research, so there will be some opportunity for RAs to do work that reflects their background and interests. The research includes federalism aspects of climate law and policy in Canada, as well as comparative research on climate law and policy in the US. Adaptation responses and uncertainty will be a theme this summer.

The second project is funded by the CFLR and relates to political attacks on the judiciary in Canada and their impact on public perception of judges and courts. This research will involve researching incidents in which political criticism of courts, rulings and judges appear in Canadian media, and collecting and analyzing features of the related cases. There is also an experimental survey component. RAs will help with associated literature review and can also be involved in survey design and planning, depending on interest and experience.

For both projects, the research will include engaging with both legal cases / frameworks, and also social science literature that draws on a variety of disciplinary perspectives (economics, social psychology, political science, empirical legal studies).

If you have any questions about the work involved, please contact Professor Metcalf by email at [metcalfc@queensu.ca](mailto:metcalfc@queensu.ca).

### **Qualifications:**

Applicants should have strong legal research and writing skills and an interest in the subject matter of the projects. Research will also draw on secondary literature from related fields. 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 for this position can be done remotely. The RA 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 can work outside of that time frame if they prefer.

### **Employment Details**

- Position type: New
- Length of contract: 12 - 16 weeks (negotiable)
- Proposed start date: May 15, 2026
- Hours per week: 10 hours per week
- Hourly Rate: \$20 /hour (+ 4% in lieu of vacation).

### **Employment Equity and Accessibility Statement**

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. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority, including any qualified individuals who have a valid legal work status in Canada.

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 Diana Turner-Oke, Human Resources and Staffing Officer, Faculty of Law at [lawpositions@queensu.ca](mailto:lawpositions@queensu.ca).

### **Application Procedure**

To be considered for this opportunity, interested applicants are invited to submit the following materials:

- a brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) indicating your interests and experience related to the research, and availability from May 15, 2026.
- a resume
- 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 Metcalf will follow-up with selected candidates directly.



Please submit your application package prior to the application deadline via Interfolio at the following link: <https://apply.ca1.interfolio.com/123988>

As part of the application process at Queen's University, our recruitment process uses Artificial Intelligence (AI), as defined under the Ontario *Employment Standards Act*, to ask job-related questions and assess suitability for hire. All final hiring decisions are made using non-AI related processes.

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

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