

Research Assistant Positions

Posting date: September 10, 2026

Closing date: September 20, 2026

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

Description:

Professor Murray, in collaboration with Professor Connie Walker, Velma Rogers Research Chair at the TMU School of Journalism, is seeking one JD Student to support the Indian Residential Schools Records Project which seeks to preserve the documented truths of abuse, deaths, and disappearances of children at Indian Residential Schools. For more information on the Project, see <https://yellowheadinstitute.org/irsr-project/>

The Student Research Assistant will:

- Conduct legal research related to Indian Residential School litigation, including identifying, accessing, and analyzing court files and related legal records;
- Contribute to research and analysis in core project areas including: the national class action *Canada (Attorney General) v Fontaine*; archival access and the preservation of litigation records; Survivors' privacy and consent; and Indigenous data sovereignty principles;
- Assist with preparing ATIP and FOI requests in accordance with applicable legislation;
- Support litigation mapping and systemic legal analysis, including cataloguing legal issues, outcomes, and patterns across cases to advance access to justice and accountability, legal education, and public understanding;
- Collect, organize and maintain research data and documents in accordance with project data governance and management practices (the project is utilizing an Airtable database to organize collected data); and



- Participate in research and project team meetings, and collaborate with other student researchers from TMU.

If you have any questions about the work involved, please contact Professor Murray at kimberly.murray@queensu.ca

Qualifications:

- JD student
- Preference will be given to candidates who identify as Indigenous

Details:

The work can be done remotely. Research Assistants must have access to high-speed internet and a computer that meets minimum requirements. All work can be completed during the regular 9:00 am to 5:00 pm work week, but Research Assistants may work outside of these hours if they prefer.

Proposed start date: October 1, 2026

Hours per week: Up to 10 hours during the Fall term.

JD Hourly Rate: \$25.00/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.

Application Procedure

To be considered, applicants are required to submit a complete application package that includes the following materials:

- (1) a short statement indicating your interests and experience related to the research
- (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 Murray will contact selected candidates to confirm mutually satisfactory hours and availability to complete research.

Please submit your application package prior to the application deadline via Interfolio at the following link:

<https://apply.ca1.interfolio.com/124086>

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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