



Expression of interest

Research Associate, Social Sciences, for Yukon Research Centre

The Yukon Research Centre (YRC) at Yukon College (YC) is seeking a PhD-level research associate to lead the development of a collaborative, Indigenous-focused social sciences research program. The successful candidate will work in collaboration with other YC researchers, YC's First Nations Initiatives (FNI) office, and Yukon First Nations to develop and partner on research ideas and execute research projects that align with the YRC and YC's strategic directions, niche areas of growth, and areas of priority identified by the Yukon First Nations. Importantly, the successful candidate will also work to build capacity and create new partnerships in support of research activities, both within and external to YC, including Yukon First Nations and communities. Ultimately, this position will establish a self-sustaining research program (support by third-party funding secured by the researcher) that is fully integrated in YRC and YC activities, and will be carried forward by the researcher beyond the listed term of this position.

This researcher will be based out of the YRC, which houses a multi-disciplinary team that undertakes a variety of research activities across the North, with a primary focus on Yukon communities and First Nations. Research conducted through this position will enhance the YRC's capacity to address social science research questions within existing YRC programs, in new areas of research, and with partners throughout the territory and across the North. It will align with some or all of the YRC and YC's strengths in climate change, indigenous governance, sustainable resource development, and scholarship, teaching and learning. Research that bridges the intersection of these pillars, prioritizes First Nations people and communities, and helps northerners prepare for changing environmental and governance landscapes is especially desirable.

During their tenure in this position, the successful candidate will lead the development of proposals seeking external funding to support program development. While a range of different tasks will be undertaken, the successful candidate will be expected to develop project proposals, create new strategic partnerships, lead and coordinate projects, attend meetings, build capacity, supervise students, and engage with those poised to benefit from the program of

research. Additionally, the successful candidate will also participate in internal service to the YRC and YC, may also represent the YRC and YC at local, regional and national meetings as directed by YRC leadership.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Strategic planning and development of a social sciences research program at the YRC
- Working with the 14 Yukon First Nations to identify research priorities that align with YC's niche program and research areas
- Scoping project ideas and developing project proposals
- Primary and secondary research activities
- Project management, oversight and coordination
- Supervision of students and research assistants
- Developing and delivering written reports, presentations, community engagement, and other communications pieces
- Developing partnerships internal and external to the YRC and YC
- Advising the Associate Vice President Research Development on growth and direction with respect to social sciences research within the YRC and at YC

Qualifications:

- PhD in a social science or related area, or a combination of equivalent experience and training
- Experience (5-10 years) in the design, conducting and reporting of research in the social sciences
- Familiarity with Indigenous cultures and communities, preferably gained by living in the Yukon or arctic regions of Canada
- Experience with community-based, partner-led research, especially with Indigenous groups
- Supervisory experience
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience developing budgets and workplans, and with fiduciary oversight
- Proven record of research communication and acceptance, via publication, conference presentation, community engagement, or other similar medium
- Proven record of partnership development and collaboration in cross-disciplinary, partner-based research
- The development of curricula and experience teaching will be considered an asset
- The ideal candidate will have experience working independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to travel throughout the Yukon and across the Canadian North

- Valid Driver's license

Primary Location: Yukon Research Centre, Yukon College, Whitehorse

Term position to March 31, 2019

Salary: \$75,000.00 to \$80,000.00 per annum

Initial review date: October 31, 2017

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