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The Opportunity

Acadia Divinity College seeks an independent, detail-oriented individual passionate about social justice issues to fill the summer position of **Research Support Officer**.

Acadia Divinity College (ADC) has enjoyed a long history of partnership with the African Nova Scotian (ANS) community through its role as the seminary for the African United Baptist Association. As part of the "Change with Purpose" strategic plan, Acadia Divinity College is recommitting itself to the diversification of its leadership, student body and curriculum. A significant part of this priority is the creation of a new faculty position and endowed academic chair in community leadership and social justice. The creation and funding of this chair will enable representation from the ANS community on the ADC faculty as well as elevate the equipping of students in the area of social justice.

To support the creation, launch, and fundraising efforts, ADC is seeking an individual to collect oral histories from within the ANS community in relationship to social justice work done by alumni of the Faculty of Theology of Acadia University / Acadia Divinity College.

Under the direction of John Campbell, Director of Advancement, the **Research Support Officer** will work to identify, contact, and interview individuals within the ANS community to capture their oral histories. The successful candidate will also work with a contracted videographer to create video content to tell the stories of those interviewed. The successful candidate will gain a deep understanding of the history of social justice activities within the ANS community. The candidate will also develop skills in interviewing, writing, research, and project management.

As part of a team, the **Research Support Officer** will be primarily responsible for:

- Work with the Director of Advancement to identify key individuals to interview
- Contact individuals and coordinate recording times with them and the videographer
- Travel to, manage, and conduct interviews to record oral histories
- Oversee transcription of interviews for archiving

- Work with team to produce video of oral histories to support the creation of the academic chair
- Deliver and archive all content

QUALIFICATIONS:

This opportunity is funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program so applicants must meet the eligibility requirements. To be eligible, youth must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period¹;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*² for the duration of the employment; and,
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

The candidate must be able to work independently and possess strong written and verbal communication skills. Must possess a valid driver's license. The position will allow for remote work; however, the individual must be available to work from the Divinity College as required.

Preference will be given to candidates with lived experience within, or deep knowledge of, the African Nova Scotian community, and specifically the African United Baptist Association and its churches.

THE REWARDS: The hourly wage is **\$15.35** per hour based on a **35-hour** workweek. The length of the contract will be **8 weeks**, beginning **May 16, 2022**, and ending **July 11, 2022**.

TO APPLY: Qualified candidates wishing to be considered for this position should send a letter of application and CV to:

Rev. John Campbell
Director of Advancement
Acadia Divinity College
15 University Avenue
Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6
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¹ The youth must be 15 years of age at the beginning of the employment period. The youth may be more than 30 years of age at the end of the employment period as long as the youth was 30 at the beginning of the employment period.

² International students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada. Youth awaiting a refugee status ruling, as well as those who hold a temporary visitor visa, youth visa or work visa are ineligible. As the objective of the Canada Summer Jobs program is to support youth entering the Canadian labour market, the temporary nature of an international student's time in Canada does not allow for a long-term connection to the labour market.

Consideration of applications will begin on May 5, 2022.

We thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those invited for an interview will be contacted. The College reserves the right not to fill this position.

A little bit about us

Acadia Divinity College

Acadia Divinity College is a seminary located on the campus of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, offering Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Theology), and Doctor of Ministry degrees. Acadia Divinity College is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.

For further information about Acadia Divinity College visit acadiadiv.ca.