

Full-time/part-time Research Assistant for the COVID-19 Living Systematic Review Project

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COVID-19 is a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily. The risk will vary between and within communities. Mental health during the current COVID-19 outbreak may be negatively affected by fear of long-term personal, social, and societal implications of the crisis and from isolation due to social distancing and movement restrictions that have been put into place.

Living systematic reviews are systematic reviews that are continually updated and provide ongoing access to results via online publication. The objectives of our planned living systematic review are to evaluate (1) changes in mental health symptoms among the same participants from pre-COVID or across delineated events during COVID-19 (e.g., outbreak announcement versus peak, peak restrictions on movement versus post-restrictions); (2) factors associated with levels or changes in symptoms during COVID-19, and (3) the effect of interventions on mental health symptoms during COVID-19.

We are currently seeking a full-time or part-time Research Assistant to join the team. You can find more information about the project on our website: <https://www.depressd.ca/covid-19-mental-health>

The tasks of the Research Assistant will include:

- Reviewing scientific publications and screening for eligible studies
- Extracting published results based on pre-developed coding manuals
- Basic data analysis, including performing descriptive analysis, visualization, and writing narrative synthesis of the study results
- Contributing to drafting manuscripts for publication

The ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Psychology or a related field
 - A Master's degree in Epidemiology, Public Health or a related field is preferred
- Relevant research experience in health sciences
- Basic concept of study design and data analysis
 - Basic programming skills (e.g., SPSS, R) are preferred
- Good interpersonal skills and a strong capacity for teamwork
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Excellent organizational and communication skills

Salary and Duration: Salary to be negotiated based on relevant experience and training. This is a one-year position with the possibility of extension based on mutual agreement and funding.

Start Date: October 2020 (flexible); Remote working is possible.

To apply: Interested candidates should submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) an unofficial transcript, (4) a writing sample, and (5) contact information for up to three references to Sheryl Sun (ying.sun2@mail.mcgill.ca).

The position will remain open until filled.