Call for Graduate Student RAs
We are seeking a limited number of RAs to participate in this project

Project Title:
Understanding the Impact of Food Bank Models and Program Access Considerations in Toronto

Project Investigators:
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Brief Project Description:
This project seeks to identify whether food banks offering choice models and/or are integrated into community resource centres have better food security outcomes for clients than those offering hamper models and/or are freestanding food banks. This project also addresses a gap in evidence by exploring how geography (specifically, cultural and build environments) factors into client access to food banks.

The research questions include:
1) To what extent does food bank program design (e.g., choice models, integration into resource centres) impact food insecurity, fruit and vegetable consumption, physical health and mental health outcomes for clients?
2) To what extent is the decision to access a specific food bank driven by proximity, travel time, program design/service offerings, and/or linguistic/cultural relevancy?

Call for Applications:
RAs interested in participating in this project are encouraged to email Professors Widener and Wakefield a short statement (1 paragraph) expressing their interest in the topic and an up-to-date resume.

RAs selected to participate in the project will assist with survey data collection and interviews.

Pay and Time Commitment:
Pay will be determined by UofT's HR, but is expected to be approximately $22 per hour, for a total of approximately 120 hours. Most work will be completed in October to December of 2021.

NOTE: If public health conditions allow, these activities will happen in person, at food bank locations throughout Toronto.

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