

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:

Michael Widener – Health Studies and Department of Geography and Planning
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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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