Position title: Peer researcher  
Reports to: Principal Investigator (Dr. Alexa Yakubovich)  
Department/unit: Community Health & Epidemiology  
Research project: Identifying and contextualizing best practices in responding to violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic  
Location: Halifax  
Employee group: Grant-paid  
Position type: Casual  
Employment type: Part-time  
Salary: $25 per hour  
Hours: 0-15 hours per week (up to ~300 hours from April 2022 to February 2024)

Job summary:  
Reporting to the Principal Investigator, six peer researchers with lived experience of violence against women will be working with an interdisciplinary team of academic researchers, advocates, service providers, and trainees on a study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). This research aims to investigate how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted violence against women services and the experiences of clients accessing those services in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario. The goal of this research is to identify best practices for different regions to respond to violence against women and share that knowledge with service providers, policymakers, and funders.

The peer researchers will contribute to: data collection, analysis, research activities with community, service, and policy partners, and preparing papers, reports, and presentations. The project team, including the PI, will provide peer researchers with the necessary training for the position and ongoing support throughout the study.

Key responsibilities:  
- Assist research team members in creating study materials, including surveys and interview guides  
- Assist research team members in recruiting and conducting interviews with staff and survivor participants  
- Assist research team members in analyzing qualitative data and/or provide input into the interpretation of results  
- Participate in team meetings  
- Contribute to and provide feedback on papers, reports, and presentations  
- Maintain confidentiality of participants at all times

Qualifications:  
Individuals who self-identify as women and have lived experience of violence who live in Ontario, New Brunswick, or Nova Scotia are eligible to apply. We are seeking candidates who are interested in developing their research skills and supporting work to advance services for women experiencing violence.

Must possess excellent organizational skills, time management skills, and effective written and verbal communication skills. Must be able to work independently, as well as collaboratively as part of a team.
Must have a demonstrated interest in preventing violence against women, supporting women experiencing violence, or promoting gender equity.

Prior experience in research or another relevant professional area – including but not limited to designing interview questions or surveys, recruiting participants, administering surveys, conducting interviews or focus groups, analyzing qualitative or quantitative data, writing up results, or conducting presentations – is an asset.

**Note:** The project team, including the PI, will provide peer researchers with the necessary training for the position (including research methods) and ongoing support throughout the study.

The successful applicant may work in-person on campus, primarily remotely, or perform a hybrid of the two as agreed by all parties based on operational requirements. If working on campus, as per Dalhousie’s vaccination requirements, you will be required to provide proof of full vaccination through Campus Check, or you may seek an accommodation from Dalhousie’s vaccine requirements on grounds protected under provincial human rights legislation. Please visit the Campus Check website for more information. **Additionally, as this position is in a clinical academic department based within Nova Scotia Health facilities, NSH’s vaccination and other relevant workplace policies may apply.**

**Application Consideration:** We encourage and thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Diversity Statement:** Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.

**Number of Vacancies:** 6  
**Open Date:** 28 March 2022  
**Close Date:** 14 April 2022  

**How to apply**  
Email the following materials to Alexa Yakubovich Alexa.Yakubovich@dal.ca:  
- Cover letter that describes your relevant experiences and qualifications for this position  
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume  
- Optional: an example of relevant past research or advocacy that you have contributed to