



Job Posting
Doctoral-Level Research Assistant (RA) Position (Casual Contract)
October 2022 - June 2023

About the Position: The doctoral-level research assistant will aid in the review and analysis of public policies and regulations related to “natural food products” (i.e., vitamins, supplements) in Canada.

Specific tasks for the doctoral-level research assistant will include, but are not limited to:

- Researching the history of public policies and regulations of natural food products in Canada.
- Critically analyzing public policies and regulations of natural food products in relation to empirical data.
- Aiding in the collection and analysis of public data related to natural food products.
- Drafting and editing sections of manuscripts (i.e., policy analysis, white papers, information sheets).
- Creating data tables and figures.
- Collaborating on dissemination of policy analysis (i.e., webinar, infographic development, media engagement, and policy advocacy).

Candidate Qualifications: The candidate must be a current doctoral-level student at the University of Toronto who has the skills and ability to critically review and analyze public policy. Ideal candidates will be within social work, law, public health, or public policy. Ideal candidates will be interested in adolescent and young adult health, with a particular focus on use of appearance- and performance-enhancing drugs and substances (e.g., whey protein, creatine, steroids), as well as mental health (e.g., eating disorders), body image, substance use, and social health. Excellent research and writing skills are required. A track record of productivity and the ability to work independently are an asset.

Application Requirements: Candidates should email a detailed cover letter, CV, and evidence of prior research and/or policy analysis experience (e.g., peer-reviewed publication, dissertation section, written course assignment, white paper) to Kyle T. Ganson (kyle.ganson@utoronto.ca). Individual interviews will be conducted among a short list of candidates. *Only applicants who will be interviewed will be contacted.*

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement: Candidates who identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color, or are marginalized based on their gender and/or sexual identity, are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: September 26, 2022

Position Start Date: October 2022

Position End Date: February 2023 (with the option to renew until June 2023)

Rate of Pay: \$30/hour

Hours per Week: 8

About the Research: Under the direction of the principal investigator ([Kyle T. Ganson, PhD, MSW](#), Assistant Professor at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto), a policy analysis of Canadian policy and regulation of “natural food products,” with a specific focus on appearance- and performance-enhancing drugs and substances (e.g., whey protein, creatine, steroids), will be conducted. Knowledge translation will be conducted at the completion of the policy analysis, including a webinar co-sponsored by the National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) and the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. Policy recommendations and advocacy, as well as media engagement, will also be conducted.

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