Graduate Research Assistant

Start Date: September 2019  
End Date: April 2020  
Hours: 6 hours per week, over 8 months  
Salary: $1,003.71 – $1,215.63 per month  
Research Supervisors: Dr. Jorge Sousa  
Application Deadline Date: August 1st, 2019  

Description of the context for the research activities:

The purpose of this research assignment is to collect information that will be used to develop a new strategic plan for an academic journal. The Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research / Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OSBL et l’économie sociale (ANSERJ) is an online open access English and French peer-review publication and has been in operation for over 10 years. The new strategic plan will involve the creation of a new website, a refined peer review system, and improved engagement with the editorial board.

This is both a learning and a training opportunity for the GRA, with the expectation that the learner will want to inform and shape the research process to suit their ability. The GRA will understand the nature of operating an academic journal, and the important role that open access has had in supporting academic publishing. The GRA will be exposed to the broad areas of research and practice associated with the Social Economy.

Specific duties:

- Conduct a broad review of existing academic journals comparable to ANSERJ  
- Conduct a literature review of best practices and current innovations concerning the area of online academic publishing.  
- Refine the peer review process.  
- Communicate with authors and the current publisher  
- Participate in planning meeting; and

Required Skills

- Mature, reliable and personable.  
- Able to work independently and to communicate effectively.  
- Willing to learn new research skills; and  
- Excellent computer skills are essential

Qualifications:

• Strong research and writing skills and an ability to work independently  
• Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above throughout the academic year  
• Desired skills/experience (please include any/all in your cover letter)

Applications should be sent to Izabela Martyniak (martynia@ualberta.ca)