



Research Assistants – Community STI Testing Survey

Position Summary

Are you interested in research to improve testing for sexually transmitted and blood borne infections (STBBI) in your community? Join our team at the Digital Sexual Health Initiative (DiSHI; dishiresearch.ca) on the Community STI Testing Survey this summer.

GetCheckedOnline is an internet-based STBBI testing service operated by the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). We will be conducting a survey in communities where GetCheckedOnline is available, to understand how many people are aware of and have used the service, and why people use it or not. The survey will also include questions about your community's access to STI testing services in general. Findings will inform the ongoing implementation of GetCheckedOnline as well as provide useful, local data related to STBBI testing for each community.

We are looking for **four (4) Research Assistants**, one from/based in each of the communities of **Maple Ridge, Kamloops, Nelson and Kimberley, BC**. The Research Assistants will support local survey activities under the direction of the core research team based at BCCDC and in partnership with local community organizations. The position will work 20-25 hours a week from May to mid-September 2022, with an hourly rate of \$24-26 depending on experience. Occasional travel may be required for this position (e.g., to attend training sessions held in Vancouver, BC).

Job Duties

The Research Assistant will:

- Assist the research team in coordinating the survey locally, and perform research activities that may include, but are not limited to:
 - Identify possible venues (physical and virtual spaces) to conduct the survey
 - Organize recruitment schedules
 - Promote the study in local communities
 - Recruit participants and obtain informed consent
 - Collect completed questionnaires
 - Maintain and update research records
- Liaise with local community organizations and the core research team at BCCDC
- Assist in recruiting, training and supervising local junior staff
- Organize, package and ship completed paper survey questionnaires
- Attend research team meetings as needed
- Assist other duties as needed



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Qualifications:

- Passion to address health inequities and improve health and wellness of communities affected by STBBI
- Proven ability to work respectfully with community agencies as well as diverse community members
- Knowledge of the community (Maple Ridge, Kamloops, Nelson or Kimberley, BC) with regards to local venues, networks and/or organizations
- Ability to think critically and analytically
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to exercise tact, discretion and safeguard confidentiality
- Comfort using MS Office software (i.e., Outlook, Word, Excel) and videoconference application (e.g., Zoom)
- Ability to work independently and in a collaborative environment
- Access to personal computers and reliable Internet is preferred
- Prior experience with research is an asset
- Experience with GetCheckedOnline or other STBBI testing services is an asset

How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter along with a resume by email to: DiSHIresearch@bccdc.ca. In your cover letter, please indicate the community you'd like to work in.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the job posting closing date of Apr 13, 2022 at 11:59 pm PDT.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.