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Statistics Canada Business Data Research Fellowship – Research Affiliate Program

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Statistics Canada
Ottawa (Ontario)

From February to December 2020
Statistics Canada Business Data Research Fellowship lasts for nine to twelve months. The Fellow will receive a salary commensurate with part-time employment for students (approximately $6,500 to $10,250 depending on duration). For further information on the organization, please visit Statistics Canada

Closing date: 22 December 2019 - 23:59, Pacific Time

Who can apply: Persons residing in Canada and Canadian citizens residing abroad.

Apply online

Important messages

We are committed to providing an inclusive and barrier-free work environment, starting with the hiring process. If you need to be accommodated during any phase of the evaluation process, please use the Contact information below to request specialized accommodation. All information received in relation to accommodation will be kept confidential.

Assessment accommodation

The Statistics Canada Business Data Research Fellowship provides PhD candidates, students currently enrolled in a doctoral programme who are working on theses, an opportunity to access new business microdata at a secure Statistics Canada facility, including the Research Data Centres. These new microdata bases have been developed from the sources used to create the aggregate statistics published by Statistics Canada. However, their potential to support microdata analysis are still being explored.

The microdata bases covered under this Fellowship are:

- **Canadian Freight Analysis Framework**
  Contact: Michelle Tait (michelle.tait@canada.ca)

- **Consumer Price Index**
  Contact: Michael Henderson (michael.henderson@canada.ca)

- **Industrial Product Price Index**
  Contact: Devin Mackay (devin.mackay@canada.ca)

- **Survey of Innovation and Business Strategy**
  http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=5171
  Contact: Charlene Lonmo (charlene.lonmo@canada.ca)

Students are encouraged to contact Statistics Canada for more information about the databases that are potentially available for use under this fellowship.

There will be four fellowships available, one for each of the databases. Applications for the fellowship require the submission of a research proposal that would make use one of the databases.

Candidates must clearly indicate on their application the database for which they are seeking a fellowship.

Information you must provide:

Your resume.

A research proposal of 2-3 pages (1,000 words) in length, developed in consultation with Statistics Canada, that uses one of the specified databases.
A covering letter in 250 words that explains how the proposed research project would benefit from the knowledge and expertise of staff in the subject-matter divisions at Statistics Canada.

The names and contact information of three references. One of the references must be your thesis supervisor.

**Duties**

The Fellow conducts research that would benefit from the knowledge of the Statistics Canada subject-matter expert responsible for the database. The Fellow assesses the fitness for use of the database for the proposed research purpose and other possible uses.

**Work environment**

Statistics Canada is recognized as one of Canada’s Top Employers for Young People (2019).

Statistics Canada values an innovative, diverse, and bilingual workplace where colleagues share their expertise and collaborate to produce high-quality statistical information relevant to Canadians.

The fellow will have access to a fully-equipped workstation, technical support and access to subject-matter expertise at Statistics Canada to carry out their proposed project.

**Positions to be filled:** Number to be determined

**Information you must provide**

Your résumé.

A covering letter in 250 words (maximum) "A covering letter in 250 words that explains how the proposed research project would benefit from the knowledge and expertise of staff in the subject-matter divisions at Statistics Canada. In addition to the covering letter, you must conduct a research proposal of 2-3 pages (1,000) words in length, developed in consultation with Statistics Canada, that uses one of the specified databases."

Contact information for 3 references.
In order to be considered, your application must clearly explain how you meet the following (essential qualifications)

Education:
The candidate must be presently enrolled in a doctorate program as a full-time student in a recognized university with a specialization in health, economics, mathematics, geography, sociology, demography, statistics or actuarial science. Part-time students in the same specializations who are recognized by their university as having a disability will also be considered. This status must be maintained during the entire fellowship period.
Proof of enrollment will be required prior to appointment.

Degree equivalency

Knowledge:
The candidate must demonstrate a detailed awareness of the Statistics Canada data source to be used in the proposed study, including its appropriateness and limitations for the proposed study.

The following will be applied / assessed at a later date (essential for the job)

English or French

Information on language requirements

Personal Suitability:
Judgement
Thoroughness
Reliability
Effective Interpersonal Skills

Conditions of employment

Reliability Status security clearance

The student should be prepared to start between January 1, 2020 and March 1, 2020, and complete their fellowship term by December 31, 2020.

The student will work a maximum of 7.5 hours per week for the duration of the fellowship.

The student commits to producing the research project proposed and an assessment of
the fitness for use of the database for the proposed research purpose and other possible uses. The format and details to be included in the assessment will be provided by Statistics Canada. The assessment will inform the development of a user guide for future users of the microdata base.

**Other information**

The Public Service of Canada is committed to building a skilled and diverse workforce that reflects the Canadians we serve. We promote employment equity and encourage you to indicate if you belong to one of the designated groups when you apply.

**Information on employment equity**

Other information

Applications for the Statistics Canada Business Data Research Fellowship are done through the Research Affiliate Program (RAP). Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements for the RAP. You must:

- be recognized as having full-time student status by the post-secondary academic institution at which you are presently enrolled OR be a part-time student who is recognized by your academic institution as a having a disability;
- be the minimum age to work in the province or territory where the job is located; and
- be enrolled in an academic program that requires research as part of your curriculum.

Non-Canadians living in Canada can apply to the RAP but preference will be given to Canadian citizens who meet the job requirements.

The Crown retains possession of intellectual property (IP) related to material produced by the student while participating in the RAP. The issue must be addressed in the hiring organization's contractual agreement with the academic institution, ensuring that the Crown retains the IP rights, while the student is granted the ability to publish their findings and research to fulfil academic requirements, or whenever necessary and appropriate.

The successful completion of the fellowship is defined as the completion of the research project proposed in the application, and the data assessment. Typically, the completion of the research project means a research paper that is ready for inclusion in the theses of the student or for publication by Statistics Canada.

Upon the successful completion of the fellowship, continued access to the data may be granted in order for you to make revisions to publish the research paper in an academic journal. You may be rehired as a student as long as you continue to meet the
eligibility requirements of the RAP program.

The successful completion of the fellowship may also lead to a temporary or permanent federal public service position for which you meet the merit criteria and conditions of employment.

**Preference**

Preference will be given to veterans and to Canadian citizens, in that order, with the exception of a job located in Nunavut, where Nunavut Inuit will be appointed first.

**Information on the preference to veterans**

We thank all those who apply. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

**Contact information**

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