(1) JUNIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT – THERAPEUTIC RECREATION ONTARIO

Our Vision Therapeutic Recreation Ontario is the leader in uniting and advancing the Therapeutic Recreation profession in Ontario.

Our Mission Therapeutic Recreation Ontario is dedicated to guiding, supporting, educating and advocating to enable the Therapeutic Recreation practitioner to deliver quality professional services.

TRO's Philosophical Statement for Recreation Therapy The purpose of Recreation Therapy is to enable all individuals to achieve quality of life, and optimal health through meaningful experiences in recreation and leisure. We believe in the inherent capacities of individuals for personal growth, happiness and freedom. Recreation Therapy is a profession which provides service to, and advocates for individuals with physical, mental, social, behavioural or emotional limitations in a variety of settings such as hospitals, long-term care settings, day programs, community-based programs, and mental health centres. The Recreation Therapy profession recognizes the right of all citizens to have access to and the freedom to choose recreation and leisure opportunities regardless of their physical, financial, developmental, emotional, or social challenges OR the barriers imposed on them by society at large.

The foundation of the Recreation Therapy profession is the establishment of authentic relationships with the individual receiving services and all other key stakeholders. Utilizing a collaborative approach, Recreation Therapy follows a systematic process of assessment, goal-setting, program/intervention development, individual and group facilitation, documentation, and evaluation. Programs are designed to promote independent functioning within the physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, behavioural and social domains, and to educate individuals about the skills and resources required to participate in recreation and leisure. The Recreation Therapy profession utilizes evidence-based practice to create outcome-based interventions suitable to the client’s abilities. As part of its advocacy, Recreation Therapy is committed to educating society about the rights and capacities of all citizens to participate in recreation and leisure.

Responsibilities:

Inspired by the EBP TR Program Advocacy and Implementation Binder (Lopez, 2010), TRO is working towards the implementation of an online research access hub for TR practitioners. Responsibilities of the junior research assistant for TRO will be to:

- Locate key journals of interest for therapeutic recreation practitioners
- Create, maintain, and organise a database of research journal abstracts and keywords by TR program in accordance with publisher and copyright rules and regulations.
- Communicate with TRO Executive Director and TRO Research Coordinator/Advisor of TRPR Journal Development on a regular (weekly and as-needed) basis.

To be eligible, students must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
• have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;
• be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* for the duration of the employment; and,
• Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

**Qualifications:**
- Familiarity navigating library databases
- Strong organisation skills and must be able to communicate in a timely, effective, and professional manner
- Access to internet for the duration of the eight week contract

The successful candidate must be enrolled as a senior TR undergraduate student or recent graduate of TR undergraduate program.

**The Location:**
The successful candidate must be available to correspond (at agreed upon times) over skype/telephone during the eight week period. Work details will be completed at candidate’s choosing in an online environment.

**Compensation:**
8 weeks at $14.00/hour for 30 hours per week.

This opportunity is made available to students by way of a federal Canada Summer Jobs grant.

**Interested?**
Please submit a resume/CV and a statement of interest (no more than one page single spaced) that outlines the following:
- What you hope to gain from the experience as a junior research assistant for TRO.
- Skills and experience that will contribute to your success in this position.
- How this position will contribute to your future goals in TR.

To:
Kimberly Lopez, TRO Research Coordinator/Advisor of TRPR Journal Development
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Questions about this position should be directed to the contact person listed above. A representative from TRO will adjudicate all applications. All interested parties will be notified of the decision when successful candidate is selected. Please submit all documents electronically to the email provided by the closing date. Thank you for your interest in working with Therapeutic Recreation Ontario.

**Closing date:** June 1, 2018