

### **Research Assistant Position**

Professor Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny of the Department of Law and Legal Studies is looking to hire a Research Assistant (RA) for a knowledge mobilization project titled “Improving Understandings of Two Spirit, Transgender, Gender Non-binary, and Gender Nonconforming Legal Needs”. The RA will be responsible for extracting and analyzing data from a pan-Canadian study on Two Spirit, Transgender, Gender Non-binary, and Gender Nonconforming (2STNBGN) access to justice and for other research tasks that will assist with the drafting of a journal article. The RA will also work with the project partner, JusticeTrans, on the completion of these tasks.

#### **Project Summary**

The research at the basis of this knowledge mobilization project surveyed 703 2STNBGN people from across Canada on their experiences of access to justice and followed up with 61 participants through one-on-one interviews and focus groups. The research found that 2STNBGN people experience high rates of legal issues: 93% of participants had experienced at least one legal issue within their lifetime. Beyond this, it confirms that 2STNBGN people experience high rates of transphobia and other forms of discrimination including racism, classism, ableism, and stigma against sex workers and drug users. Participants often felt powerless and dehumanized by the legal system, regularly avoiding legal and judicial processes, systems, and actors out of a sense of distrust, or a lack of the material conditions such as stable housing, employment, or income necessary to access and engage the legal system.

#### **Remuneration**

The RA will receive a stipend \$3,000.00 for 80 hours of work (equivalent to \$37.50/h). The hours should be completed by the end of February 2023. There is a possibility to extend the number of hours and stipend once the work is completed.

#### **Position Requirements**

- Graduate student in a social sciences or humanities program at Carleton University; mature undergraduate students with previous relevant experience will also be considered;
- Excellent writing skills;
- Commitment to social justice;
- Understanding of 2STNBGN issues; and
- Autonomy and flexibility.

#### **Applying**

To apply, please send your CV (pdf) and transcripts (official or unofficial) before 10am, November 16 to [pierre.cloutier@carleton.ca](mailto:pierre.cloutier@carleton.ca). Please include a paragraph or two in the body of the email explaining your interest in the position and highlighting why you are a good fit. Strong preference will be given to members of the 2STNBGN community. A reference may be requested.