



Volunteer Research Assistant (RA) Opportunity: Online Communications - CRISM Atlantic Node

Are you passionate about advancing research, improving interventions, and supporting individuals dealing with substance use issues? The Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM) is seeking dedicated individuals to join our dynamic team as volunteers for the role of as Online Communications Volunteer Research Assistant (RA) within the CRISM Atlantic Node.

About CRISM:

[CRISM](#) is a nationwide network composed of advocacy groups, clinicians, researchers, policymakers, individuals with lived experience, allied health workers, and knowledge users. Our mission is to conduct translational research focused on innovative approaches to prevention and intervention practices for individuals living with substance use problems. Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), CRISM operates under the umbrella of the Institute of Neuroscience, Mental Health, and Addictions (INMHA).

About the CRISM Atlantic Node:

The [CRISM Atlantic Node](#) is hosted at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Recognizing the unique challenges of substance use within Atlantic Canadian communities, the CRISM Atlantic Node was established to bring together regional representation and Indigenous leaders identify, inform, and support interdisciplinary research and knowledge translation, enhancing substance use interventions and practices for those residing in Newfoundland & Labrador, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia.

Why Volunteer with CRISM:

Volunteering with CRISM offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact within the field of substance misuse research and interventions. By joining our team, you'll have the chance to network, learn, and contribute to improving the quality of care and quality of life for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians facing substance use challenges.

Online Communications Volunteer Research Assistant Role Overview:

As an Online Communications RA within the CRISM Atlantic Node, you will be involved in supporting and amplifying our initiatives, promoting our research, and fostering engagement within the Atlantic Canadian region. Responsibilities will include:

- **Research:** Explore and discover research in substance use, mental health, and addictions, and contribute to highlighting it within the network and the node.
- **Monitoring and Tracking Information:** Support information gathering, including analytics, on the research related activities of CRISM Atlantic members and affiliates. This information will assist in enhancing and informing the Atlantic Node's communications and knowledge dissemination activities.
- **Content Development:** Contribute to the creation of compelling content that may lead to publications and grants.
- **Newsletter and social media:** Contribute to CRISM Atlantic newsletters and social media posts helping to keep the community informed about ongoing research projects, potential collaborations, and funding prospects.



- **Networking:** Actively engage within the node, fostering connections and participating in CRISM Atlantic hosted events, both online and in-person.
- **Mentorship:** Receive guidance and mentorship from CRISM Atlantic Coordinating Core team members facilitating your growth in science communications.

Valuable Skills & Interests:

- Interest in supporting research related to substance use intervention and prevention, and harm reduction.
- Experience with or interest in exploring and enhancing the role of science in media and sharing science with non-scientists.
- Familiarity with Google Alerts; Microsoft Excel; online graphic design and visual communications tools (e.g., Adobe Express, CANVA, Design Wizard)
- Familiarity with developing infographics, podcasts, videos and/or blog posts

How to Apply:

If you are enthusiastic about our mission and possess skills in online communications, content creation, or related areas, we encourage you to apply. Please send your transcripts, resume, and a brief statement of interest (2-3 lines or a paragraph) to Jennifer:

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Thanks for your interest in advancing substance use research and interventions with CRISM. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of individuals and communities across Atlantic Canada.