Position: Research Data Peer for ‘R’, Research Commons, W.A.C. Bennett Library, Simon Fraser University

Description: The Research Data Peer for ‘R’ is a paid position to develop ‘R’ support services of particular interest to SFU graduate students in a variety of disciplines. The Research Data Peer for ‘R’ will develop and assist in providing support for workshops for graduate students, and provide one-on-one ‘R’ consultations in person, by phone and by email. Other duties may include developing documentation, module guides, and relevant web pages to support ‘R’ services. Reporting to Keshav Mukunda, Research Data Librarian, the Research Data Peer for ‘R’ will work closely with the Library’s Data Services team.

Qualifications:
- Currently enrolled in an SFU Graduate Program
- Experience working with data in a research setting
- Training in ‘R’ and RStudio
- Demonstrated familiarity with ‘R’ and RStudio software
- Demonstrated ability to explain ‘R’
- Demonstrated ability to work with students individually and in groups
- Experience with one or more of Python, SPSS, SAS, JMP, Stata preferred
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

The Research Data Peer for ‘R’ is expected to:
- Communicate professionally with researchers
- Develop and facilitate ‘R’ workshops for graduate students
- Work one-on-one with graduate students, to facilitate understanding and application of ‘R’ and RStudio
- Develop documentation and website materials to facilitate the use of ‘R’ and RStudio by SFU students from a variety of disciplines
- Undertake occasional R projects at the direction and discretion of the Research Data Librarian
- Refer users to their department and/or the SFU Stats Consulting Service for questions relating to research methodologies (e.g., experimental design, correlational design, etc.)
- Provide administrative documentation of workshops, consultations, and other work in a timely manner
- Be reliable and punctual
The Research Data Peer for Data Management does not:

- Provide course- or assignment-specific instruction to students
- Consult on choosing particular statistical techniques for analysis, or on interpreting results of analysis
- Complete student assignments/projects or portions of assignments/projects
- Provide assessments or evaluations of students’ work
- Allow any political, social, educational, philosophical, or other biases or preferences to have a part in his or her consultation relationships with researchers

Salary: $24.01 per hour (includes 4% in lieu of vacation)
Hours: Flexible – hours will vary with workshop offerings and consultation requests
Term: Spring (January – April) 2019

Application Process:

Applications must include:

- cover letter and resume/curriculum vitae
- names of 2 academic references

Deadline:

Applications are due by midnight November 4, 2018 but the posting will remain open until the position is filled. To be given assured consideration, applications should be submitted via email in one consolidated PDF document, to kmukunda@sfu.ca.

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