

SHAWNA Project Peer Research Associate (PRA)

Title: SHAWNA Peer Research Associate

Status: Casual position, 2-4 hours per week (Up to 4 positions available)

Rate of Pay: \$15/hour

Reporting: GSHI/ SHAWNA Research Coordinator (Chrissy Taylor), and directly supervised by a SHAWNA/ YouthCO team member (Daniella Barreto)

Please submit application to shawna@cfenet.ubc.ca. Resume/CVs optimal.

Deadline December 15th, 2014.
(Positions open until filled.)

These Peer Research Associate positions are designated for candidates who are Women Living With HIV (WLWH)
Trans* Inclusive.

About SHAWNA (Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS: Women's Longitudinal Needs Assessment):

The SHAWNA Project is a 5-year mixed methods research project focusing on the social, policy, legal, gender, and geographic gaps in women's sexual health and HIV care across Metro Vancouver. The project aims to document and understand women living with HIV (WLWH)'s barriers and experiences in navigating sexual health and HIV care overtime. SHAWNA is being led by the *Gender and Sexual Health Initiative (GSHI)* of the *BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE)* and the *University of British Columbia* in collaboration and partnership with a diverse team of researchers, community, legal and policy experts and women living with HIV/AIDS. We are committed to meaningful involvement of women living with HIV/AIDS, including GIWA and MIWA principles.

About the Gender and Sexual Health Initiative (GSHI):

The GSHI (www.gshi.cfenet.ubc.ca) is a core program of the BC-CfE with the overall mission to ensure research of the highest scientific and ethical standard informs evidence-based policy and practice in gender, sexual health and HIV/AIDS and reduces health and social inequities among marginalized populations in Canada and globally. The GSHI team is committed to research that promotes gender and sexual equity, and human rights for all, which includes access to safe, non-judgmental health care free of stigma and discrimination. GSHI has been engaging in community-based research since 2004. To ensure our research has the most impact, we regularly engage with a diverse range of stakeholders, from legal, health and government policy makers to health providers and the affected community.

SHAWNA Peer Research Associate – Job Description:

Overview

We are looking for women who are passionate about health and social justice for WLWH, and are able to work as part of a diverse research team. The work of the SHAWNA team will be facilitated by an “on the ground” presence in the form of Peer Research Associates (PRAs). PRA activities will focus on four broad areas:

- Partnership building and maintenance
- Capacity building and engagement with Women Living with HIV
- Research guidance, promotion and support; and
- Knowledge to action

Responsibilities

- Building and maintaining relationships
- Increasing capacity building & knowledge exchange opportunities
- Facilitating recruitment & follow-up of project participants
- Assisting the GSHI to greatly diversify the reach of the project
- Sitting on the SHAWNA Positive Women’s Advisory Board (PWAB) (meets every 3-4 months) and provide research guidance and input

Qualifications

Applicants can have a combination of life experience as well as research experience.

Skills

- Knowledge of the HIV and AIDS epidemic in Canada and related social and health concerns;
- Experience and/or knowledge of HIV and AIDS research, prevention, care, treatment and support;
- Problem-solving skills
- Public speaking skills
- Ability to teach and provide research advice
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Excellent relationship building and conflict resolution skills
- Ability to work as a team and independently
- Ability to learn and be self-directed
- Apply open-minded attitudes/respect toward diverse individuals and experiences (people who use drugs, people in the LGBTTQ community, sex workers, new immigrant/ refugee women, etc.)
- Aboriginal ancestry, trans* women and migrant/refugee status are considered assets

Working Conditions

The Peer Research Associates will work both in an office environment and in the community at large engaged in outreach activities. Examples of where community outreach might take place primarily in community organizations, HIV services, supportive housing, and drop-in centres.

How to Apply: Please follow the instructions on the application form on the next page.

Please note the deadline for applications is: **December 15th 2014 at 5pm**



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SHAWNA Peer Research Associate Application Form

Application Instructions: Please make sure you have both fully completed this application form and written your responses clearly. Please submit this application form via email, fax or in-person to the SHAWNA office (details below). No phone calls please.

Application deadline: December 15th 2014 at 5pm

First Name:	Last Name:
Phone:	E-mail:
Address:	
Other contact info:	
What is the best way to contact you?	

Please tell us why you are interested in being a Peer Research Associate with the SHAWNA Project. Feel free to list your interests or any previous research related experience (additional pages may be attached). You can also submit a resume, but this is not required.

To submit your application:

- Drop-off applications at the front desk at the SHAWNA office (611 Powell St.)
- E-mail: shawna@cfenet.ubc.ca
- Fax: 604-569-3702