

**Research Assistant Position**  
**Job Posting: USW Local 1998 – Casual**

DEPT. OF ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

Posted on November 12, 2021  
 Applications due November 26, 2021

Position Title	Number of Positions	Size of Appointment	Appointments Dates	Qualifications	Duties
Research Assistant	1	\$33.53 per hour + 4% vacation pay for up to 210 hours (with possibility of extension)	December 1, 2021 to May, 2022 (dates are negotiable)	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current or former graduate student, or equivalent qualifications</li> <li>• At least two years' experience in writing instruction, e.g., as a course TA leading tutorials, labs, or in-class instruction; or grading writing assignments</li> <li>• Strong administrative skills, including scheduling meetings and planning, time management, meeting multiple deadlines, and documenting work</li> <li>• Evidence of superior writing and presentation skills in their discipline (individually authored writing sample preferred)</li> <li>• Flexible schedule, able to accommodate short notice requests for meetings with instructors</li> <li>• Able to work independently</li> <li>• Strong research skills</li> <li>• Familiar with literature on scholarship of teaching and learning</li> </ul>	<p>The successful applicant will work with instructors from the departments of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Cell and Systems Biology, and the Human Biology Program to revise assignments across large 100- and 200-level Life Sciences courses to ensure that learning outcomes with respect to communication, critical thinking and scientific literacy are met. The successful applicant will work with instructors to identify and develop supporting materials for these revised assignments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continually meet with instructors for the duration of the appointment</li> <li>• Assess how well 100- and 200-level Life Sciences course assignments align with learning outcomes</li> <li>• Revise assignments while enabling complementary skill development as students' progress through these courses</li> <li>• Develop marking rubrics, instructional resources for instructors and TA training sessions to facilitate evaluation of revised assignments</li> <li>• Consult with faculty, writing instructors and other members of the Life Sciences community to ensure uniformity between 100- and 200-level Life Sciences courses</li> </ul>

Interested applicants: Please submit a letter of interest, a CV, a writing sample in the relevant discipline (4 pages maximum and individually authored preferred), and the names of two referees who have supervised you in course TAs or RAs by **November 26, 2021** to Jill Wheeler or email to: [jill.wheeler@utoronto.ca](mailto:jill.wheeler@utoronto.ca). *NOTE: Applicants will need to be available for an interview the week of November 29, 2021.* The university is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.