



Job Posting – Legal Research Associate – Part Time, one year

The Canadian Drug Policy Coalition:

The Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (CDPC) is a coalition of individuals and civil society organizations that envisions a safe, healthy and just Canada in which drug policy and legislation as well as related institutional practices are based on evidence, human rights, social inclusion and public health. Our mission is to facilitate improvement in Canadian and international drug policy by (1) producing and advancing constructive policy recommendations; (2) building sustainable, mutually enhancing partnerships; (3) assembling and disseminating clear information and analysis; and (4) fostering productive dialogue and action within civil society.

CDPC has been active across Canada and internationally since 2010 and established its founding principles in 2011. Our structure as a coalition has developed fruitful relationships and has led to the production of numerous policy documents and communications, over 45 public events and workshops, and multiple dialogue appearances over the past five years. CDPC works with a variety of partners at the local, national and international level and stresses the inclusion of people who use drugs and their organizations in the development of drug policies.

Your work with us:

As Legal Research Associate, you will be working primarily on researching and creating a “blueprint” for the legal regulation of currently illegal psychoactive substances, including draft statutory text that can be brought for wider consultation within British Columbia, and ultimately form recommendations to government for law reform.

Specifically, you will assist us in reaching the following project objectives:

- a) Collect and review available international and Canadian evidence and existing regulatory models for harmful substances and activities;
- b) Develop preliminary discussion models for regulatory approaches (both provincial and federal) for all major classes of currently illegal psychoactive substances (e.g. opioids, stimulants, and psychedelics);
- c) Organize and hold two stakeholder meetings in British Columbia in order to solicit feedback and suggestions for improvement of the models, including input from people who use drugs, families of people who have died from overdose, government representatives, law enforcement, First Nations, medical profession, legal community, etc.;
- d) Revise and expand on the developed models based on stakeholder feedback;
- e) Produce a “white paper” document with clear and understandable regulatory models and draft statutory / regulatory language that will be published and used for further consultation with the public and stakeholders in British Columbia and across Canada;
- f) Evaluate the overall success of the project in achieving its objectives; and
- g) Complete other related tasks as needed.

This position reports directly to the Senior Policy Analyst and works closely with all members of CDPC’s small staff team, and associated NGO partners.

Who you are:

- You are currently enrolled as a 2nd or 3rd year law student, or have completed a law degree;
- You have demonstrated legal and academic research skills;
- You have knowledge and/or experience with administrative/regulatory law;
- You have excellent time management and organization skills;
- You are able to work independently and are self-directed;
- You work well in collaboration with others;
- You have excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills;
- You are adept at problem-solving and creative thinking;
- You have knowledge of issues and policies surrounding substance use and addictions, prevention and harm reduction strategies, or are eager to learn.
- You are fluent in English;

Where you will be working:

CDPC is a part of the Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA) in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU). Our offices are located at SFU's Harbour Centre campus in downtown Vancouver, BC.

This is a one-year, Part-Time contract position for 15 hours/week at \$25.00 per hour. Some flexible scheduling may be possible with this position to accommodate other obligations. It may be possible to work remotely for a portion of the contract period if desired and appropriate.

How to apply:

Please submit a resume and cover letter (in PDF format) to jobs@drugpolicy.ca by September 14, 2018 at 11:59 pm Pacific.

Candidates selected for an interview will then be contacted by email. More information about CDPC can be found at drugpolicy.ca.

Thank you!

—The CDPC Team