

**Research assistantships available in the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria  
(for immediate posting)**

Up to three 12-month MA and/or PhD research assistantships ranging from \$10000-\$12000, funded through a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) team grant, will be awarded in March 2012. The successful applicants will be employed as research assistants for the team grant *Contexts of Vulnerabilities, Resiliencies and Care among People in the Sex Industry*. They will work under the supervision of one or more of the UVic principal investigators on the team grant: Drs. Cecilia Benoit, Kevin Walby, Mikael Jansson and Rachel Phillips. Working with other team members, successful applicants will collect and analyze data on various aspects of sex work in Canada and thus must be able to demonstrate strong methodological skills and ability to work in a team-based research environment. The data gathered may be available for successful students to analyze as part of their theses/dissertations.

Potential MA and PhD students with a strong background in sociological theory and methods are encouraged to submit their academic resume, a writing sample, a statement of research interest, unofficial transcripts and two academic letters of reference by email to the team grant research coordinator, Dr. Pilar Zazueta (pzazueta@uvic.ca). The deadline for consideration of the research assistantship is February 1, 2012. The following criteria will be used for the evaluation of applications:

- a) past academic results as demonstrated by transcripts, awards and distinctions;
- b) relevance of graduate program of study to the team grant's research projects;
- c) relevant professional and academic experience, including research training, as demonstrated by conference presentations and scholarly publications
- d) the evaluation letters of two academic referees

Applicants must be accepted into the MA or PhD program in the Department of Sociology at UVic to take up the research assistantship and are expected to meet all of the requirements of their degree program. Students may not receive a research assistantship while holding a provincial or national major scholarship (i.e., SSHRC, CIHR, IMPART, MSFHR).

For specific questions about the team grant, *Contexts of Vulnerabilities, Resiliencies and Care among People in the Sex Industry*, please contact the nominated principal applicant, Dr. Cecilia Benoit (cbenoit@uvic.ca)

For more information on the team grant program can be found at: [http://webapps.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/cfdd/db\\_search?p\\_language=E&p\\_competition=201104TVG](http://webapps.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/cfdd/db_search?p_language=E&p_competition=201104TVG)

Further information about the Department of Sociology graduate program can be found at: <http://web.uvic.ca/soci/>