

## Research Assistant – User Experience Designer & Developer (Part Time)

SFU’s Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (FCAT) invites applications for a part-time **User Experience Designer & Developer** Research Assistant position for the Spring 2021 term, as follows:

**Description:** FCAT is seeking a user experience researcher with skills in user interface design and development to conduct work on the design and evaluation of a COVID-19 safety plan approval system. The successful applicant will conduct user testing of an existing safety plan management system (e.g., usability studies, heuristic evaluation) along with interviews with various stakeholders and users to assess the user interface design and workflow of the system. Following this assessment, the employee will write reports of findings and conduct software development on the safety plan system to improve the usability and user experience.

The employee can work around their existing schedule.

**Location:** Work will be conducted remotely.

**Duration:** Contract will be for approximately 200 hours (e.g. 15 ~ 20 hours per week) during the Spring 2021 term between February and April 30, 2021. Dates and times will be flexible with the RA’s schedule.

**Start Date:** ASAP

**Rate of Pay:**

Research Assistants	Hourly Rate	Vacation Pay Benefits @ 4%	Total Hourly Rate
Undergrad	\$20.00	\$0.80	\$20.80
Masters	\$25.00	\$1.00	\$26.00
PhD	\$30.00	\$1.20	\$31.20

**Principle Duties:**

Report to and under supervision of Carman Neustaedter at SFU.

- See Description section above for primary duties.

**Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of and the ability to conduct user experience and usability testing and study (e.g., heuristic evaluation, usability studies).
- Skills conducting interviews and analyzing qualitative data.
- Strong background in web programming (e.g., PHP).
- Detailed understanding of one or more object-oriented programming languages.
- Self-driven and an independent worker.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Reliable with sensitive and confidential information.
- Excellent attention to detail.
- Strong problem-solving skills.

**Requirements**

- Active in an undergraduate or graduate program within the Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology.
- Signed confidentiality agreement.

**Application process:**

Send application by email to Carman Neustaedter ([fcatdean@sfu.ca](mailto:fcatdean@sfu.ca)):

1. Use the following subject heading, including your name, in your email application:
  - Example: **FCAT RA Application UX Designer & Developer, [J. Doe]**
2. Cover letter indicating why you are interested in participating in this project.
3. Curriculum vitae.
4. Academic transcript.
5. Name and contact information of 2 references. Please indicate relationship to references.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: (Friday) February 5, 2021**

Offer letters, contracts and all correspondences will be sent via email.

For information, please contact Carman Neustaedter ([fcatdean@sfu.ca](mailto:fcatdean@sfu.ca)).

Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Thank you for your interest.

*Simon Fraser University is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal employment opportunities to qualified applicants .*

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