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**Job Title:** Research Assistant

**Start Date:** July 2024

**End Date:** August 30, 2024 with the possibility of extension

**Direct Supervisor:** Dr. Kendra Coulter

**Hours per Week:** Variable hours per week

**Rate of pay:** \$20.00 + mandatory benefits

**Positions Available:** one or more positions available

**Probationary period:** A shorter probationary contract will be undertaken but this position may extend to 50 hours or more of work.

### **Job Overview**

MOS Professor and Coordinator of Animal Ethics and Sustainability Leadership Dr. Kendra Coulter is recruiting a research assistant for a project on horses in new Westerns. The expansion of television and film Westerns (both historical and contemporary depictions) through programs like Yellowstone raises important ethical, organizational, and cultural questions about the representations of horses and horse-human work, and the experiences of the real horses working on these sets. The research assistant will support analysis of both dimensions.

Please note that the content being viewed in this role may contain difficult material and topics including violence against people and animals, misogyny, anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Black racism, among others, and applicants should recognize and accept this before applying. The successful candidate will be expected to subscribe to the necessary streaming services if needed in order to access the content for the duration of the contract.

### **Responsibilities:**

1. Focused viewing of specific films and/or television series through an equine-centric lens:
  - a) the dialogue and action involving horses and
  - b) what the horses are communicating and revealing when they are present but not made central to the plot.
2. Detailed note taking and research file organization.

### **Qualifications:**

1. Direct experience with horses.
2. Correct understanding of horses' modes of communication through their body language and behaviour.
3. A commitment to horses as sentient beings, (co)workers, and moral subjects.
4. A minimum 75% average.
5. Be thoroughly reliable, professional, organized, and self-motivated.
6. Students in the Animal Ethics and Sustainability Leadership major or minor are preferred for this role, however, this position is open to students in all modules.

### **Education:**

- Must be a registered and returning student

### **Eligibility:**

- Huron students who are eligible to work in Canada

### **Application Instructions**

Please submit the following as part of your application:

- A cover letter outlining relevant equine and academic experience
- Resume
- Academic record (an informal transcript/screen shot is sufficient)
- Names and emails of either of the following:
  - Two professors
  - One professor and one university staff person familiar with you

Please forward a cover letter and resume saved as one PDF document and titled *First Name Last Name* to

<u>Your application documents should be submitted to:</u>	<u>Your application should be addressed to:</u>
Katie Romitz Programming Assistant, Career Development <a href="mailto:Hire.huron@huron.uwo.ca">Hire.huron@huron.uwo.ca</a> Please include the subject line: "Attn: Katie – Research Assistant"	Dr. Kendra Coulter Huron University 1349 Western Road London, ON

Applications will begin to be reviewed on **July 5, 2024 at 9:00 am Eastern Time**. Applications will remain open until position is filled.

Huron values its place in an interconnected world and desires to reflect this value, acknowledging our responsibility to strive towards a diverse and equitable employment and educational environment that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals, especially those from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the diversification of ideas.

Applications from all qualified individuals are invited; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given hiring priority. We thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected to proceed in the competition will be contacted. Should you require accommodation in making an application please contact Megan Dykstra at [megan.dykstra@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:megan.dykstra@huron.uwo.ca)