



Posting Date:

29th June, 2020

Job Posting:

Contract Position: Researcher

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Local 901 is looking for candidates with experience in historical research and an interest in social justice, to conduct a short-term research on the importance of de-naming Sir John A. Macdonald Hall and re-naming it after Dr. Patricia Monture, from the perspective of decolonization and racial justice at Queen's University.

Period: July 15th to August 14th

Hours: 30 hours at RA wage (42.73/hour)

Job Responsibilities:

- Research and problematize the socio-political and economic motivations which resulted in the naming of the Law Building as Sir John A. Macdonald Hall.
- Identify previous instances of de-naming or/and re-naming of buildings, rooms or other premises belonging to Queen's in its institutional history, in order to strengthen the ongoing campaign.
- Exemplify Dr. Patricia Monture's period as a Law student at Queen's, through archival research (including Queen's Journal, Queen's Gazette, available oral archives), and to highlight the importance of institutionally honouring her legacy.
- Confer with the ongoing campaign for the renaming of the Law Building, and to contribute through this research to the cause therein, with an ongoing commitment to Indigenous pedagogy.

Expected Outcomes

As a result of this short-term research, we expect the research to produce a 15-20 page document (12 font size, 1.5" spacing) that clearly presents arguments which meet the

expectations outlined above. The writing style is expected to be accessible, compelling, and supportive of the on-going campaign.

We request one interim meeting with the Local 901 Equity Officer and Vice-President Research Assistant in the beginning of August (and organizers of the campaign), so as to touch base and evaluate progress.

Position requirements/ Required Experience:

- Experience with historical research. Previous archival research experience is an asset.
- Commitment to racial justice and decolonization.
- Preference given to candidates who self-identify as Indigenous, or members of the BIPOC community.

The application deadline: July 7, 2020, at 4:00pm.

(The selected candidate will be notified within 5 working days of application and will be expected to start immediately after.)

Application Process:

- Email a single PDF document with the candidate's name, current student affiliation (and employment, if applicable) at Queen's University, Statement of Interest (500–600 words), and curriculum vitae (maximum two pages) to Equity Officer Rohit Revi at equity.psac901@gmail.com and Vice-President Research-Assistant Hannah Hunter at vpra.psac901@gmail.com.
- Candidates may be invited for an online interview.

Please see our website for background about PSAC Local 901: www.psac901.org

PSAC Local 901 is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace. Applications are encouraged from equity-seeking groups, including Women, Indigenous Peoples, Visible Minorities, Persons with Disabilities, and Persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity.