

## **SOCIAL HISTORY RESEARCH COORDINATOR JOB POSTING – ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP KINGSTON**

### **ABOUT OPIRG KINGSTON**

The Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) Kingston is a student-funded, student-directed, and community-minded group that functions as a platform for folks to recognize and engage with pertinent societal issues. OPIRG Kingston strives to create meaningful transformative change to benefit our local Kingston and Queen's communities by promoting research, education, and action on social and environmental justice topics. We offer various kinds of support for folks working on social and environmental justice-focused initiatives, including information, funding, administrative functions, and more. Over the last 30 years, we have initiated and supported various community groups/projects, organized events and programming, and connected student and non-student community members to work towards a more socially and environmentally just Queen's and Kingston. Visit our website for more information on who we are, what we do, and our values as an organization: [opirgkingston.org](http://opirgkingston.org)

### **CANADA SUMMER JOBS YOUTH PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

All three available positions are funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program. This program has certain eligibility criteria for youth participants. Eligible youth must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period\*;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment\*\*; and,
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

\*The youth must be 15 years of age at the beginning of the employment period. The youth may be more than 30 years of age at the end of the employment period as long as the youth was 30 at the beginning of the employment period.

\*\*Unfortunately, international students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada. Youth awaiting a refugee status ruling, as well as those who hold a temporary visitor visa, youth visa or work visa are ineligible.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION DETAILS**

The Social History Research Coordinator's focus will be to organize, revive, digitize, promote, and make accessible the existing People's History Project archives. They will also work closely with the Social History Outreach Coordinator to compose additional written narratives and analyses to add to the archive, and to the Outreach Coordinator's focus project, the Kingston People's History Colouring Book.

The Social History Research Coordinator will:

- Utilize existing archives to research and investigate stories and histories of social resistance, movements and struggles in the Kingston and Queen's communities
- Conduct interviews, examine personal documents, and explore other unconventional sources as they may relate to each entry
- Work closely with the Social History Outreach Coordinator to collaborate on their focus project, the Kingston People's History Colouring Book
- Organize and digitize existing archives using digital archival system
- Work through existing materials to identify areas that can be expanded on, analyzed, critiqued, or translated into different mediums (podcasts, posters, social media content, etc.)
- Write both full-length and shorter poster excerpts narrating the context, history, impact and legacies of these movements and struggles
- Support the OPIRG Kingston Executive Coordinator by assisting with regular OPIRG Kingston communications, holding office hours, etc.
- Carry out other duties as required

The ideal candidate is someone with:

- Passion for local Kingston and Queen's communities and their histories of activism and struggles for justice
- Knowledge of, and excited by the prospect of working on social and environmental justice issues; an understanding of the principles of anti-oppression
- Knowledge and experience with new media production (graphic design, digital audio editing, etc.), dissemination, and taking on feedback
- Strong interpersonal, collaborative, and active listening skills
- An ability to communicate stories and histories into engaging narratives for the Kingston and Queen's communities
- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- Experience, or a desire to gain experience in working with archives
- The ability to take initiative and work independently with minimal supervision

This position is **30 hours/week** at **\$16/hour** from **June 27 – August 28, 2022** (9 weeks).

This position requires **in-person work** at our office in downtown Kingston, Ontario, though **some remote work** is available. The office space has an **accessible ramp** and an **accessible washroom**.

OPIRG welcomes the contributions of individuals with lived experiences from marginalized communities including but not limited to: Indigenous people, Black people, people of colour, poor and working-class people and those on social assistance, women, members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, single parents, immigrants, people from non-academic backgrounds, and people with disabilities to apply. We encourage applicants to describe the contributions and experiences they would bring to OPIRG in their cover letter.

Please send along a resume and cover letter to [kingston.pirg@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.pirg@gmail.com) by **Thursday June 2, 2022, at 11:59pm**.