Vanier College has received a significant grant to look at the experiences of Muslim students at the college level. Public discussions have often depicted Muslim youth as potentially dangerous or problematic. We would like to have different kinds of conversations, including ones that explore Muslim students’ own experiences at the college level.

We are looking for passionate and energetic students for part-time paid positions who can help us carry out this project. These students will focus on outreach to Muslim students at Vanier as well as at other colleges, both Anglophone and Francophone. The team of six student researchers will plan and help to conduct interviews and focus groups over the course of the 2019-2020 school year. Does this sound like you? For more information: Please contact Krista Riley at rileyk@vaniercollege.qc.ca or Leila Bdeir bdeirl@vaniercollege.qc.ca.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 6, 2019. Please send a cover letter, resume and two reference letters including at least one from a Vanier teacher to Leila Bdeir by MIO or at bdeirl@vaniercollege.qc.ca.

Job dates: 5 hours/week, over the period of September 13 to May 29 (exact weeks to be determined)

Remuneration: 20$ an hour

Schedule: The five hours per week will be a mix of flexible time (reading, writing, analysis, etc.) and scheduled time (group meetings, research interviews, etc.) We work to accommodate the schedules of the team as much as possible, and we ask that you also commit to being flexible with your timing. Some weekend meetings will likely be required for group training sessions, especially in the first two months of work.

Candidates must be legally allowed to work in Canada and must be registered as Vanier students in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Job Duties

Training

• The first part of your work will entail an in-depth training to help reinforce your research skills.

Research
You will participate in the recruitment of students interested in participating in this project by sitting for semi-directed interviews and focus groups about their experiences.

You will help to conduct the interviews and focus groups.

Once the total number of interviews and focus groups are conducted, you will help the principal researchers to transcribe, analyze, and code the information.

You will help to develop pedagogical tools to help teachers support Muslim students at the cegep level.

Some travel will be required: mostly to other parts of the city, but occasionally, some members of the research team may be required to briefly visit colleges in other parts of Quebec.

Other

Additional tasks that may arise, as agreed to by the student and their supervisors.

Qualities

Reliable
Able to work independently
Proactive and enthusiastic
Strong organizational skills
Approachable
Good team player and collaborator
Strong writing skills
Strong analytical skills

Qualifications

The ideal candidate possesses some or all of the following qualifications:

Experience or interest in conducting research
Familiarity/experience with Muslims communities and their experiences in Québec
Sensitivity, training, and/or personal or professional experience with diverse and/or marginalized communities, specifically racialized communities
Fluency in both English and French (minimum working knowledge of French is required)
Ability to communicate and put people at ease
Experience recruiting research participants, conducting interviews, or facilitating group discussions a bonus

Are you interested but unsure if you meet the qualifications listed? Please apply anyway and let us know how your own skills, experiences, and interests would be a great fit!