

Full-time or Part Time Research Assistant for the DEPRESSD Project

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The DEPRESSion Screening Data (DEPRESSD) Project (<https://www.depressd.ca>) is a collaborative endeavor that was set up by Drs. Brett Thombs and Andrea Benedetti, who partner with local and international experts to evaluate the diagnostic accuracy of depression screening tools by conducting individual participant data meta-analyses (IPDMAs). To date, the DEPRESSD Project has been funded by 17 CIHR grants and includes over 400 investigators from 60 countries, with numbers growing as more data are accrued. The DEPRESSD databases represent a highly novel and valuable resource, which have produced important outputs, including many publications in journals like JAMA and BMJ. The DEPRESSD team has published important IPDMAs on (1) screening tool accuracy; (2) statistical methods in IPDMA; and (3) other methodological studies that advance work on screening questionnaires and their application.

We are currently seeking a Research Assistant to join the team. The position is available for full-time or part-time contracts and for in-person or remote work.

The tasks of the Research Assistant will include:

- Transforming raw participant data into a uniform format for use in the project, based on existing codebooks; verifying that data submitted to the project can be used to replicate the results from the original studies
- Basic data analysis
- Reviewing scientific publications and screening articles for eligibility as part of the systematic review process
- Extracting published results based on pre-developed coding manuals
- Contributing to drafting manuscripts for publication

The ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- A master's degree in public health, epidemiology, health sciences or other relevant field. People with strong quantitative analysis skills from other fields are also encouraged to apply. Continuing students are welcome to apply for the part-time position.

- Coding skills, particularly in R with skills in SPSS also useful
- Research experience in the health sciences, including data management, evidence synthesis and manuscript writing are assets
- Good interpersonal skills and a strong capacity for teamwork
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office
- Excellent organizational and communication skills

Pay and Duration: Pay to be negotiated based on relevant experience and training.

Start Date: April 2026 (flexible). Full-time or part-time.

To apply: Interested candidates should submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) an unofficial transcript, and (4) a writing sample to Nadia González Domínguez (nadia.gonzalez@mail.mcgill.ca), the DEPRESSD Project Coordinator.

The position will remain open until filled.