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Join Our Team! – Now Recruiting Volunteer Regional Coordinators

The Turtle Island Journal of Indigenous Health (TIJH) is looking to recruit volunteer Regional Coordinators who would like to contribute to developing the vision for TIJH and its community of practice. TIJH is looking for individuals who are passionate about Indigenous health and enjoy connecting with individuals and bringing communities and organizations together. Specifically, TIJH is seeking individuals who residing on Turtle Island.

About TIJH

TIJH is a graduate student-led journal dedicated to fostering respectful collaboration and the co-creation of knowledge within the field of Indigenous health. Grounded in traditional teachings and an Indigenous scholarly lens, the journal aims to enhance our understanding of Indigenous peoples' health and its many interconnected factors such as the land, culture, healthcare, and education. For more information about us, please visit [our website](#).

TIJH is seeking Regional Coordinators to establish and assist with the organization of Regional Teams. Regional teams will be able to individually define how local Indigenous communities will be represented by TIJH and will act as an extension of the Core Team. In particular, Regional Coordinators will be central in the journal submission process or *Community Support Process* (see below for more details). While the time commitment of this role will vary, we estimate 3-6 hours bi-weekly.

Proposed Responsibilities (flexible):

- Work with the larger TIJH team to develop and implement a vision for the Regional Teams and Community of Practice
- Develop and maintain relationships with regional Elders and Knowledge Keepers and foster their relationship with TIJH
- Act as liaison between the Core Team and Regional Team, universities, institutions, and Indigenous communities and individuals
- Recruit peer and community reviewers
- Coordinate and manage journal submissions and related activities relevant to their region
- Coordinate Regional Team meetings on a quarterly and/or ad-hoc basis
- Potential to lead community of practice meetings (occur four times per year)

Qualifications:

- Knowledge, experience, and interest in Indigenous health
- Knowledge and experience with Indigenous Health research ethics and OCAP® principles are an asset, but not required

- Has established or experience building relationships with local Indigenous communities
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Able to connect to students, communities, organizations, knowledge keepers, and Elders
- Experience in the journal submission process considered an asset, but not required
- Ability to attend virtual meetings
- Ability to work independently and contribute to the developing vision of regional teams

**Please note that TIJH aims to be a collaborative and inclusive initiative. All Regional Coordinators will have the full support of the Core Team throughout the development and initiation of Regional Teams. As Regional Teams become established, opportunities will arise to take on different roles and greater responsibilities if desired.*

Please email Christine Luckasavitch (christine@waaseyaaconsulting.ca) with your resume, the region you would like to work in, your vision of what Regional Teams may look like, and a brief description of why you are interested in contributing to the Turtle Island Journal of Indigenous Health.

Community Support Process

TIJH seeks to ensure that local knowledges and perspectives are recognized in the journal review process. The Community Support Process starts and end with community by having community decide how local knowledge should be shared and with whom. Articles and arts-based research with primary research will require a letter of community support to demonstrate the community’s knowledge and approval of the submission. The Editorial Team, consisting of the Core Team and Regional Team(s), will request a statement of acknowledgment of the submission from the community involved. After the Editorial Team receives this statement, the submission along with the statement of acknowledgment will be passed onto the Elders’ Helpers to ensure authenticity. However, if required, the submission will go to an Elder. Once the submission is approved by the Elders and Elders’ Helpers, the submission will undergo peer review and copyediting. Finally, the amended submission will be sent back to the community for final approval before publication.

