



GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION – UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

RESEARCH TOPIC: A REVIEW OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT AT UWATERLOO (\$500)

CONTEXT:

The Graduate Student Association (GSA-UW) and the University of Waterloo are committed to fostering a supportive and safe climate for all students, faculty, and staff. Currently, there is a great deal of focus on the issue of sexual violence in Canada and, in particular, how universities respond to cases of sexual assault. To that end, a review of sexual violence and assault statistics occurring on-campus and within the Region of Waterloo—as well as mitigation strategies and resources for victims—will help to provide guidance for the GSA-UW’s advocacy efforts directed towards improving municipal resources, as well as the University of Waterloo’s resources and training programs. Note that this research should include a review of mandatory ethics and policy training for each academic faculty.

REQUIREMENTS:

The following deliverables must be completed to the satisfaction of the GSA-UW President and/or Vice President of Administration prior to issuing compensation:

- Coordination meetings with GSA-UW VP Administration (~2 hours)
- Written report (5 – 10 pages not including bibliography/appendices, single spaced, 10 Arial)
- PowerPoint presentation to GSA-UW Council (10 – 15 minutes)

Research and recommendations are required on this topic in order to assist the GSA-UW with understanding and communicating any gaps in campus training and response programs pertaining to sexual violence and assault, in addition to identifying wider trends and resources within the Region of Waterloo.

FORMAT:

The contracted researcher is required to produce a report with the following headings:

1. Purpose
2. Issue
3. Background
4. Key Considerations
5. Conclusions and Recommendations to GSA Council
6. Bibliography
7. Appendices (if necessary)

This format was modeled after public sector briefing note templates and can be referred to [here](#) for further guidance.

TIMELINE:

The research contract is to be issued in July and completed by October 2021.

PUBLISHING NOTE:

The report and presentation produced as part of this research contract will be the property of the GSA-UW and will be posted on the GSA-UW website. The author(s) will be identified on the final document.

APPLICATIONS:

Resumes/CVs, along with a brief statement of interest (2-3 paragraphs), should be sent to gsa-admin@uwaterloo.ca by **July 16, 2021** using the subject line “GSA Research Contract Application – Review of Sexual Violence and Assault”.