JOB TITLE: EDCD2 - Graduate Research Assistant

DEPARTMENT NAME: Curriculum and Instruction

CONTACT NAME: Dr. Jennifer S. Thom

JOB DESCRIPTION:
The project, *Investigating the Mathematics of Mainstream Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Elementary Students: An (Em)bodied Approach*, employs one graduate research assistant (GRA) for a total of 100 hours (see below for hourly rate). The study focuses on mainstreamed D/HH elementary students’ conceptualization in mathematics. The research seeks to identify and examine how D/HH students' mathematical thinking relies on and evolves from their (em)bodied ways of making sense that includes but extends beyond speech and listening to sight, touch, movement, and gesture.

The GRA will play an integral role in this classroom-based study with researchers Thom (Principal Investigator) and de Oliveira Jayme (postdoctoral fellow). The GRA will participate in all phases of the data collection including:

• working alongside elementary teachers,
• preparing learning materials,
• co-teaching and videotaping mathematics lessons,
• interviewing students, and
• taking field notes.

In addition to these first-hand experiences in collecting data, the GRA will become familiar with the coordination, facilitation, documentation and security of data collection.

QUALIFICATIONS:
This position requires the GRA to have experience and/or be knowledgeable in as many of the following areas:

• qualitative methodologies involving video-based research
• working with elementary children
• mathematics teaching
• (em)bodied cognition
• deafness, deaf education, and/or American Sign Language

JOB LOCATION ON-CAMPUS: This job entails the GRA to help prepare materials for and collecting data at the research site with the work study supervisor and postdoctoral fellow. While some material preparation can be done on campus, the actual data collection will be conducted off campus, involving a 30-minute commute (one-way) to the school. Travel time will be compensated however, the research assistant is responsible for getting to and from the research site on their own.

WORK STUDY WAGE: $13.50/hour (including 4% vacation pay)

DEPARTMENT TOP UP: $11.65/hour (by work study supervisor)

HOURS AVAILABLE: 100

HOW TO APPLY:
Please submit your CV and letter of interest to Dr. Jennifer Thom via email: jethom@uvic.ca

Applicants must be eligible for Work Study Program
For details go to: http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/work-study/index.php