

Job Posting: Municipal Finance & Governance Research

Project Description: The Institute on Municipal Finance & Governance ([IMFG](#)) is seeking to hire two (2) research assistants to help with ongoing research in the areas of municipal service delivery, metropolitan governance, and property taxes. One research assistant will work on service delivery and look at how municipalities deliver services, from direct delivery to arm's length agencies and corporations. The second research assistant will work on metropolitan governance and look at how governance and finance are done in two major Canadian cities. The second research assistant will also work on property taxes and review the history and characteristics of property taxes in Canada. For all three studies, the research assistant will undertake reviews of academic literature as well as practices across the country.

No. of Positions Available: 2

Workload: 70-80 hours

Start/End Dates: Oct 1 2024 - Mar 31 2025

Responsibilities:

- conduct research on the governance structures and financing for municipal services in at least two of the following areas: police, fire, water, social housing, public health and library services.
- conduct research on metropolitan governance in two Canadian cities (Toronto and Vancouver)
- conduct research on the characteristics of property taxes in Canada

Qualifications:

- superb research and written communication skills
- demonstrated interest in municipal governance, municipal finance, and urban policy
- dependable, details-oriented, and self-directed
- 4th year undergraduate or graduate students preferred

Application Instructions: Applicants should submit a cover letter and resumé to info.imfg@utoronto.ca. Your cover letter should specify your strengths, skills, and experience with respect to undertaking policy research.

Closing Date: September 23, 2024, 11:59pm