

Job Title	Market Research Co-op
Start Date	September 5 – December 22, 2017
Length of Contract	4 Months
Reports to	Manager of Product Development and Technical Integrity
Closing Date	July 7, 2017

What is CanAssist?

CanAssist is a unique and innovative program at the University of Victoria (<u>www.uvic.ca</u>) focused on using the resources of, and expertise within, the University to develop technologies, programs and services for people with special needs. More information on CanAssist can be found at <u>www.canassist.ca</u>.

Position Description:

Reporting to the Manager of Product Development and Technical Integrity, the Market Research Coop provides support in assessing the viability of new products that are under consideration for development.

Responsibilities:

- Performs market research to determine areas of need, market size and competitive landscape utilizing tools including surveys, interview, focus groups and literature reviews.
- Produces comprehensive market assessments.
- Stays up to date on trends and new assistive technology announcements.
- Produces marketing and promotional materials including product fact sheets, posters and presentations
- Other duties as assigned.

The Market Research Coop has shared responsibility for the following:

- Seeks outs opportunities for and participates in campus engagement.
- Completes comprehensive searches for various assistive technology needs based on community requests.
- Attends and organizes community outreach initiatives as needed.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

The successful candidate will ideally be a 3rd or 4th year Commerce student with a background in and knowledge of market research and marketing strategies. We are looking for a student who has very strong market research skills, with a particular interest in the product development process. The candidate must be able to work independently, with direction from senior CanAssist staff.

Preferred Additional Skills and Qualifications:

Experience in working with seniors and/or people with disabilities would be considered an asset but not a requirement.

Submission Requirements and Contact Information:

Please submit a cover letter, resume and contact information for three references to Vicky Irvine, Executive Coordinator, by Friday, July 7th at 4:30 pm. Late applications will <u>not</u> be considered. Applications may be submitted by fax (721-7299), or via email attachments (vcirvine@uvic.ca). Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.