



# Health Policy Analyst @ CHSPR

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## Detailed description of the duties and responsibilities of this position

The UBC [Centre for Health Services and Policy Research](#) (CHSPR) seeks a Health Policy Analyst to assist with a major project on prescription drug insurance in Canada. This is an ideal position for an outstanding undergraduate student considering future studies in a field related to public policy, health policy, or health economics.

**The project:** Drawing on the best available theory and evidence, our group aims to provide Canadians with detailed and objective information about the potential implications of applying different prescription drug insurance models in the Canadian context. This will involve creating “report cards” that rate the leading models against specific evaluation criteria: e.g., distributional equity, cost-control, administrative efficiency, etc. We will also produce a narrative report for publication online or in a peer reviewed journal. Selected project findings may be summarized and made into short educational videos or other educational tools.

**The position:** The Health Policy Analyst will work as an integral member of an interdisciplinary team of pharmaceutical policy researchers led by Dr. Steve Morgan. The Analyst will gather and critically assess existing literature on different financing models; collect, tabulate, and analyse data relevant to comparing financing models and options; and draft and review research summaries and reports. The Analyst may participate in interviews with policy makers and other stakeholders, presentations of study findings, or other project activities.

## Qualifications required

The successful candidate will possess the following skills and traits:

- Interest in public policy, health care, and the pharmaceutical sector
- Background in economics, political science, sociology or related social sciences
- Familiarity with basic concepts relevant to financing policy (e.g., equity and efficiency)
- Ability to gather, critique, and synthesize information from academic and other sources
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work to high standards with little supervision
- Curiosity, intellect, humility, and humour

## How to apply

Interested candidates must send the following by email to Melissa Friesen [mfriesen@chspr.ubc.ca](mailto:mfriesen@chspr.ubc.ca) before **5:00PM February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**:

- A letter of intent outlining your suitability for the position
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A PDF printout of all university transcripts
- Contact information for two references

## Details

Period: 1 May 2012 – 31 August 2012

Wage: \$20 – \$25 per hour, depending on experience and qualifications

Supervisor: Steve Morgan, Associate Director, UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research

Application deadline: **5:00PM February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

## About the Employer

CHSPR is an independent research centre based at UBC. Our mission is to stimulate scientific enquiry into ways in which health care services can best be organized, funded, and delivered to promote the health of populations.

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