

**This week we are pleased to present Alana Silva**

**1st year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Specialized Honours student**

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My name is Alana Silva and I am currently a first year student studying Public Administration (BPA). During my four years in high school, I was confused about what degree I wanted to pursue in university. In the beginning, I always believed that I was going to pursue a degree in life science or engineering. But throughout the years, my interests changed and I realized that I have a true passion for law and politics. After doing some research about which program I wanted to go into, I realized that Public Administration is the perfect program.

Now that I have started at York studying Public Administration, I realized that it was the best decision I made. The BPA program is an interdisciplinary program that is suitable for anyone who is planning to work in the public or private sector. Not only does this program align with my interests, but it will also provide me with many job opportunities in various fields. Additionally, I was fortunate enough to become a junior ambassador for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association, and have been able to be a part of many volunteer opportunities. A major volunteering experience that I have gained from this association was being part of York University's open house. Our team and I promoted the program to many people who were considering York as an option for further studies.

Since joining the association, I have been able to attend various social events and network with alumni, professors, and individuals working for the OPS. This program gives me a better understanding of public policy and administration to set me up for a successful future.

## MPPAL Updates



As we all deal with the implications of the ongoing pandemic - social distancing, isolation and stress - **music has been sought by many as an effective coping mechanism.**

MPPAL alumna Anita Kumar (class of 2018) has a beautiful singing voice and has also started to write original songs and instrumental compositions. **You can find Anita's work on YouTube under the profile name AnitaSoniaOfficial.**

We trust that you will find Anita's talent and work both comforting and inspirational, and hope to be able to attend a live performance at some point in the future. In the meantime, please do take care and stay safe.

## International Policy Ideas Challenge 2020 - Call for Proposals

Can you find concrete, innovative solutions to international policy challenges faced by Canada?

Since 2016, Global Affairs Canada, in partnership with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, has offered a unique opportunity for students and researchers across Canada to translate their research into policy advice to help guide Canada's approach on the global stage, through the [International Policy Ideas Challenge](#).

**For this year's Challenge, we encourage eligible candidates to submit a brief proposal by May 15, 2020** outlining your approach. Authors of the 10 winning proposals will:

- Consult with Global Affairs Canada specialists to develop their ideas into a longer policy brief.
- Present their solutions to Government of Canada officials at the International Policy Ideas Challenge Symposium in Ottawa, in late 2020.
- Receive an award of \$3,000.

**Interested?**

[Read the call for proposals and steps to apply →](#)

**Still have questions?** Have a look at our [FAQs](#).

If your question is not addressed in the call for proposals or FAQs, **please feel free to inquire by emailing [ipic-cipi.por@international.gc.ca](mailto:ipic-cipi.por@international.gc.ca)**

## [Policy Researcher Analyst - Income Security Advocacy Centre](#)

The primary function of the position is to ensure support for a comprehensive approach to advocacy which includes law reform, test case litigation, province wide community development/organizing, communications and public legal education. The Research and Policy Analyst provides accurate, community-based research and policy analysis to the Income Security legal clinic team with regard to progressive law reform initiatives in the areas of Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, CPP Disability, Employment Insurance, workers' compensation and other income security programs, both federal and provincial.

## [Senior Specialist, Innovation - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation \(3 positions\)](#)

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation is seeking senior innovation specialists with experience in design, problem analysis, research, behavioral science, systems theory or any other related disciplines. This experience is essential to helping design solutions that solve the housing affordability problems that are preventing CMHC from reaching their goal that "By 2030, everyone in Canada has a home that they can afford and that meets their needs." This position reports to the Innovation team in the Office of the SVP, Policy and Innovation sector. These positions can be located anywhere in Canada. Two are bilingual and one is English essential

## [Director of Community Engagement and Development - Canadian Association of Community Living](#)

Reporting directly to the Executive Vice-President and working closely with the CACL Foundation, the Director of Community Engagement & Development will manage and implement CACL's community outreach strategy and grassroots engagement plan; as well as CACL's annual development strategy, including regular and special campaigns, donor stewardship, and community outreach. The role involves advancing disability rights and advocacy at all levels of government, as well as with other key community groups and sectors

## [Skills and Talent Strategist, Automotive and Mobility - Ontario Centres of Excellence](#)

In this contract role, the Skills and Talent Strategist, Automotive and Mobility, reporting to the Senior Manager, Automotive and Mobility Innovation is responsible for leading the development of a skills & talent strategy for Ontario's automotive and mobility sector. By leading regional consultations, liaising with relevant stakeholders, and leveraging research, program and pilot data, the Strategist is responsible for leading the information gathering and documentation processes, and synthesizing key information to develop a fulsome skills & talent strategy for the sector.

## [Bilingual Senior Policy Analyst - Future Skills Centre](#)

The Future Skills Centre team are seeking an experienced, bilingual policy analyst to conduct qualitative and quantitative research, complex analysis, and to monitor and track policy development to support the FSC-CCF's relationships with government and key stakeholders, its public policy agenda, development of actionable policy recommendations, and to inform on the design of pilots, programs, and other initiatives related to skills and workforce development. As the Senior Policy Analyst, you will provide policy advice to the Director to develop and support policy-specific communications products and plans that promote FSC-CCF's mandate, priorities and activities. You will lead engagement and outreach activities, maintain stakeholder and partnership relationships and lead research-based projects.

## [Policy Analyst - Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency](#)

The organization requires someone with a master's degree who is interested in researching emerging topics related to the ocean economy in Atlantic Canada. They are looking for individuals who can collaborate with multiple partners and have experience managing strategic initiative and analyzing social/economic issues. The position is located in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Hiring numbers TBD.

## [Engaging, Empowering and Equipping Canadians to Combat Anti-Asian Racism \(EEECAR\) Project Coordinator - The Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic](#)

**Contract:** 28 hours per week until the end of March 31, 2021 Pay Rate: \$27/hour (plus 8% benefits)

**Start date:** **Immediate**

The Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic has received funding from Canadian Heritage to work on a project to combat Ant-Asian Racism as a result of COVID-19. CSALC is working with several other community organisations in this project. We are hiring a project coordinator to oversee the entire project.

### **Description:**

Guided by principles of decolonisation, anti-racism, anti-discrimination and anti-oppression, the Project Coordinator reports to President of Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice and is accountable to the Steering Committee of EEECAR to coordinate and facilitate the smooth implementation of EEECAR project according to established work plan and specified timeline.

### **Key Job Requirements:**

Provides project management to facilitate implementation of activities and tasks according to established work-plan and timeline; Provides supports to partner organizations to facilitate implementation of the work-plan; Oversees contract compliance of all contracted service providers to ensure deliverable's are completed on time and within budget; Provides advice to facilitate development of websites and online tools; Provides reports and supports to the Steering Committee to facilitate decision making; Facilitates the participation and engagement of volunteers and community members in the project; Facilitates the engagement of advisers of the project; Collaborates with CSALC to oversee financial management of the project and to ensure compliance with all legal requirements; Collaborates with CSALC to develop budget and submit to Steering Committee for approval; Collaborates with CSALC to review and make revisions to the budget for approval by Steering Committee; and Collaborates with CSALC to provide financial reports to the Steering Committee and the funder to comply with requirements as appropriate.

### **Key Qualifications:**

Experience in working with community members, community organizations and agencies to address issues faced by racialized communities, and particularly Asian Canadian communities; Sound understanding of, and experience working for, access, equity and inclusion in community Projects; Demonstrated project management and implementation skills, including the management of multiple stakeholders, and meeting multiple project deadlines; Excellent communications, facilitation, planning, organizational and time management skills; Knowledge of and experience with developing web based and social media content including graphics, videos and podcasts; Experience in web and social media promotion across various platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram; Experience working from an anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-homophobic and fuller anti-oppressive perspective; and Awareness of systemic barriers faced by equity-seeking groups; either from first-hand experience, work and/or educational background.

**Deadline Application:** **April 24, 2020 before 5 p.m.**

**To apply, please submit resume and cover letter by email to:** [csalegalclinic@gmail.com](mailto:csalegalclinic@gmail.com)

We thank all applicants for their interest but will only contact candidates shortlisted for interviews.

## [National COVID Volunteer Recruitment - Government of Canada](#)

The federal government is building a national inventory of volunteers to help with: 1) Case tracking and contact tracing; 2) Health system surge capacity; 3) Case data collection and reporting.

## [Senior Legislative Drafter - Legal Aid Ontario](#)

LAO seeks a Senior Legislative Drafter for a 12-month contract with the possibility of extension. The focus of this position will be on the drafting of rules and policies, as well as the provision of related strategic advice, related to The Legal Aid Services Act, 2019 (LASA 2019). LASA 2019 is proceeding through the legislative process. If passed, LASA 2019 will replace the Legal Aid Services Act, 1998. A key difference between the old and new LASAs is that the regulatory regime of LASA 1998 will be replaced by rules and policies drafted by LAO. The position will be based in LAO's General Counsel Office, reporting to the Director of Litigation. LAO will consider candidates who are not based in Toronto, though travel to Toronto on occasion will be required.



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