

Research Orientation – Hiring research personnel (TRAC-RA and CARE)

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	TRAC - RA	CARE
Name	Teaching and Research Assistants at Concordia	Concordia Association of Research Employees
Position Titles	-Research Assistant	-Research Associate -Research Assistant -Support Professional -Support Technical
Employees	Concordia Students, enrolled in a credited program, in good academic standing	Non-students paid from research funds
HR Form	Employment Contract for Student RA (TRAC) (Available on C-space)	Notice of Hire Research employees unionized with CARE (available on C- space)

First step: Hiring CARE research employees

- Positions of <u>4 months and more need to be posted on</u> the Department and/or faculty's websites for at least 10 working days;
- No posting required for reappointment or priority callback;
- PI shall select the candidate who best satisfies the qualifications, abilities and requirements for the CARE position to be filled.



All CARE postings must include:

- Posting period;
- Position title;
- Brief description of duties;
- Qualifications of the generic job description and / or specific qualifications if required;
- Principal Investigator or Immediate Supervisor;
- Salary information and classification;
- Planned start and end date of appointment;
- Application instructions;
- The University's Employment Equity statement;
- Testing if required.



First step: Hiring a TRAC employee

- Eligibility: A student RA contract can only be offered to a student enrolled in a credited program (during the term for which the contract is offered), in good academic standing that has not been found guilty of academic misconduct.
- Selecting the RA: Appointments as Research Assistants are, as a general rule, offered to prospective students as an incentive for enrolment or offered by a faculty member to the students they supervise through the completion of their degree or amongst qualified students who applied for such appointments.
- Subsequent contracts: May be offered at the discretion of the supervising faculty member, based on the student's academic performance and on their performance in prior Research Assistant positions.

Please feel free to reach out to us if there are performance issues!



Professional References – form available if interested



CONSENT FORM

To be completed and signed by any person applying for a position at Concordia University

I hereby authorize Concordia University to conduct inquiries to verify my education, my work history, as well as any other information deemed necessary and to contact the individuals listed below for reference checks. I authorize these individuals to disclose all information related to my employment, including, but not limited to, the nature and duration of the employment, the quality of my performance, as well as my conduct during the employment.

With regard to my application or candidacy for a position at Concordia University, I declare that all the information appearing on my curriculum vitae is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that a false statement or an omission of pertinent facts may disqualify me from employment with the University or result in my dismissal.

Name:

Signature:

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Please return the signed and completed form to the Employment Advisor at the following address: 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd West, FB 1130, Montreal, QC H3G 1M8



Hiring and payment (CARE)

- Please note that hiring and payment will only be processed upon receipt of the necessary information on the Notice of Hire.
- The Notice of Hire, Notice of Change and Notice of Termination must be sent to the Associate Dean Research for Arts & Science, Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science, John Molson School of Business and to the Budget Office for Fine Arts;
- Employees must be paid within a month after they have commenced to work (make sure that documents are sent prior to the employee's first day).

Hiring and payment (TRAC)

- Please note that hiring and payment will only be processed upon receipt of the necessary information on the employment contract by the payroll team (payroll@Concordia.ca). Please send documentation as soon as possible;
- It is your legal obligation to ensure that your employees are paid no later than one (1) month after the beginning of their employment. Contracts must be signed and sent for payment before the employee starts to work.



Employment Contract for Student Research Assistant — to be signed by Professor and employee as well as Dean or Dean's delegate

2021-2022 Academic Year Only

Student Research Assistant (TRAC-RA) 2021/2022 Personal Information Given Name Employee ID Number Home Telephone Number Select one option please VISA Type Will default to citizenship, but change if Country of Birth (change Visa Expir Select day avment Detail: elect one option please Select month Position Information #N/A Academic Level Select one option please Position Title Research Assistant in progress) outies (please specify) **Period of Employment** Start Date Number of pay periods nd Date Salary Information Total Salary for the Period (including vacation pay) otal Number of Contract Hours r 2021/2022 rates: Doctoral \$29.11: Masters \$21.62: Underg Is this a Work-Study position approved b Financial Aid and Awards? Average hours worked per pay period (for Payroll use) Problem: Hourly Rate does not exceed required minimum per Appendix A Banner GL Account **Account Description** Date (change \$ if applicable) Code Select one Code Select one SIN Missi Code Select one SIN Miss Code SIN Missi ring that sufficient funds are available for this contract and the associated over-related payments of 9.7%.) Total cost of contract including 9.7%.--> Dean or Delegate (Name) Signature email or phone ext. Name (please print



Notice of Hire CARE Employees – to be signed by PI and employee

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		Email / Phone Ext.*			Full Name (please print)*

The Collective Agreement is located at the following electronic address: https://www.concordia.ca/fir/dept/employee-labour-relations/labour-agreements-collective-bargaining/care-ra.html. For electronic signatures the following directive shall be followed: https://cspace.concordia.ca/services/hr/dept/payroll/covid-19-protocols.html
Please send to the ADR Office, for FAS, GCS OR JMSB, or the Budget Office in FOFA. Last updated: April 2021



Documentation

Principal investigators, or their delegate, will be responsible to ensure that the following information / documentation is made available to Human Resources:

- Notice of hire (NOH) duly completed for CARE;
- Employment contract for student research assistants (TRAC);
- Direct deposit information for new employees;
- Copy of work permit and permanent resident visa (If applicable).

Principal investigators, or their delegate, will be responsible to ensure that the following information / documentation is made available to the TRAC union:

Membership form (TRAC-RA only) to be filled out by RA.



Selection and Appointment

The appointment of a CARE employee is confirmed to the Employee by a Notice of Hire containing the following information:

- A Notice of Change (NOC) is mandatory for every reappointment regardless of the length. Timesheets are not permitted;
- Subject to research needs, funding, operational requirements or academic needs, all contracts should be of 12 months or more.

Probation Period (CARE)

 Probation period is mandatory for <u>all new employees</u> or when an employee begins <u>a new appointment with</u> <u>another PI;</u>

 90 working days / Possibility to extend by 30 working days (valid reasons are required to extend). Please call us if ever an extension is being considered.



Code of ethics and safe disclosure policy BD-4 (conflict of interest)

An immediate relative shall not be hired to work in the same department nor report to the same supervisor as a current employee unless:

- specific provisions of a collective agreement apply. In such cases, the acknowledgement provided for below shall be completed and placed in the employee's personnel file; or
- the immediate relative is a student and the employment is for a period of less than six (6) months; or
- it is specifically authorized, in writing, by the Associate Vice-President, Human Resources following consultation with the relevant officials. The authorization shall be placed in the employee's personnel file, and shall include an acknowledgement by the immediate relative and the current employee of the potential conflict of interest.



CARE Salaries

Effective as of June 1, 2020:

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE	\$26.16	\$36.22
RESEARCH ASSISTANT	\$22.97	\$31.81
SUPPORT-PROFESSIONAL	\$22.97	\$31.81
SUPPORT-TECHNICAL	\$21.29	\$27.79

Effective June 1, 2021:

Same increase as the Government Salary Policy – TBD. The increase will be retroactive to the date of hire of the employee.



CARE vacation entitlements

- Employees are entitled to the following based on their years of service:
 - Less than 1 year = 1 day of paid vacation for each complete month worked (employees hired before the sixteen of the month shall be considered to have 1 full month of service);
 - 1 year but less than 21 = 22 days of vacation;
 - 21 years or more = 25 days of vacation;
- Vacation leaves are prorated to hours worked for part-time employees;
- If the employee's employment ends = payment of indemnity equal to the number of days accrued between June 1 and termination date + any unused vacation days of the previous reference year (to be written in Notice of Termination (NOT)).



TRAC salaries

	MINIMUM RATE in effect from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022
Doctoral student	\$29.11
Masters student	\$21.62
Undergraduate student (not applicable to SGS)	\$16.86

• All Employees are entitled to vacation pay and 3.6% pay in lieu of holidays. Such payments are included in the hourly rates above and are paid in equal instalments at each pay period.



Research Orientation Need help or information on...

Subject	Contact
How to complete a notice of hire, change or termination form?	HR-Employeeservices@concordia.ca
Benefits, RRSPs, Tuition.	HR-Employeeservices@concordia.ca
Pension	pension@concordia.ca
Payroll	payroll@concordia.ca
Staff ID Cards	hr-reception@Concordia.ca for Non-Student Grant Contracts (CARE) of 1 year or more. All other researchers: a letter from the supervisor is required as authorization.
Labour Relations, CARE	<u>pierreclaude.bourke@concordia.ca</u> <u>gabriel.prevost@Concordia.ca</u>
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Research Orientation – Forms

<u>Form</u>	<u>Link</u>
CARE Collective Agreement	https://www.concordia.ca/hr/dept/employee- labour-relations/labour-agreements-collective- bargaining/care-ra.html
Notice of Hire / Notice of Change / Notice of termination/ TRAC-RA contract	https://cspace.concordia.ca/services/hr/forms.h tml#research
Consent form for references	https://cspace.concordia.ca/content/dam/conc ordia/services/hr/docs/employment/consent- form-0911.pdf
TRAC Collective Agreement (includes membership form in Appendix B)	http://www.concordia.ca/hr/dept/employee- labour-relations/labour-agreements-collective- bargaining/trac-ra.html
<u>Direct Deposit Form</u>	https://cspace.concordia.ca/content/dam/concordia/services/hr/docs/payroll/direct-deposit-form-2019-12-05.pdf
Salary and Benefit Rates Table	https://hub.concordia.ca/content/dam/cspace/s ervices/financial/docs/2021- 2022 Benefit_Rates.pdf

Questions





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