

External Competition

Data Analyst & Researcher

Competition Number: PPRI-2026-003

Position Type: Volunteer Position

Competition: External

Location: Anywhere in Canada

Competition Opens: July 17, 2026

Competition Closes: 11:59 p.m. (ADT) on Monday, August 3, 2026

About PPRI

Paranormal Phenomena Research & Investigation (PPRI) is Nova Scotia's oldest registered non-profit organization bringing together investigators, researchers, educators, and subject-matter experts in paranormal and unexplained phenomena. PPRI is headquartered in Nova Scotia and primarily serves Nova Scotia, while accepting selected cases elsewhere in Atlantic Canada.

PPRI is dedicated to rigorous, ethical, and scientific inquiry into reported paranormal and unexplained phenomena through investigation, research, and education for the betterment of humanity.

The Opportunity

PPRI is seeking a motivated and analytical individual to join our Research Unit as a Volunteer Data Analyst & Researcher.

Reporting to the Director of Investigations, the successful candidate will assist investigators and researchers by collecting, organizing, analyzing, and interpreting data from investigations and research projects. This position plays an important role in identifying patterns, supporting evidence-based conclusions, and contributing to PPRI's ongoing scientific research initiatives.

Preference will be given to applicants with experience or education related to criminal intelligence analysis, criminal data analysis, intelligence analysis, or investigative research.

Key Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Collect, organize, clean, and maintain investigative and research datasets.
- Analyze investigative, historical, and research data to identify patterns, trends, and relationships.

- Conduct statistical and qualitative analysis to support investigations and research projects.
 - Assist investigators and researchers by providing structured analytical findings and recommendations.
 - Conduct criminal, historical, genealogical, and open-source research when required.
 - Produce charts, graphs, maps, timelines, and other visual representations of analytical findings.
 - Assist in identifying investigative leads through analytical review of available information.
 - Support research publications, presentations, and educational initiatives through data analysis.
 - Collaborate with investigators, researchers, and other operational units of PPRI.
 - Maintain confidentiality and ensure all data is managed in accordance with PPRI policies and ethical standards.
 - Perform other analytical and research duties as assigned.
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What We Are Looking For

The ideal candidate will demonstrate:

- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Excellent organizational and problem-solving abilities.
- High attention to detail and accuracy.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Sound judgment, professionalism, and integrity.
- A commitment to scientific inquiry and ethical research.
- The ability to work independently and collaboratively within a volunteer organization.

Preference will be given to applicants with education or experience in one or more of the following:

- Criminal Intelligence Analysis
- Criminal Data Analysis
- Intelligence Analysis
- Criminology
- Data Analytics
- Statistics

- Psychology
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Research Methodology
- Law Enforcement
- Public Safety
- Emergency Management
- Computer Science
- Information Technology

Experience using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power BI, Tableau, SPSS, R, Python, GIS software, or other analytical tools will be considered an asset but is not required.

Why Join PPRI?

The Data Analyst & Researcher plays an important role in strengthening PPRI's commitment to scientific investigation and evidence-based research.

This position provides an opportunity to apply analytical skills in a unique research environment while contributing to one of Nova Scotia's longest-standing paranormal research organizations. Successful applicants will collaborate with investigators, researchers, educators, and subject-matter experts to help advance knowledge in the field of parapsychology and unexplained phenomena.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are invited to submit:

- A cover letter outlining their interest in the position.
- A current résumé summarizing relevant education, experience, volunteer work, research experience, and specialized analytical skills.

Applications should be submitted to hr@ppri.net no later than 11:59 p.m. (ADT) on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Following the closing of the competition, qualified applicants may be invited to participate in an interview before Executive Leadership.

PPRI is committed to building a diverse volunteer team and welcomes applications from individuals of all backgrounds, experiences, and communities. We believe diversity of thought and experience strengthens scientific inquiry and our ability to serve the public.