

TO: All MUNFA Members

FROM: The MUNFA Executive

DATE: October 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Communication Survey Results

On September 13, 2017, CAUT distributed the attached Memorandum regarding a National Survey on Contract Academic Staff and it is being sent to you for your information.



Canadian Association of University Teachers
Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université

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Date: September 13, 2017

To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local and Federated Associations

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **National Survey on Contract Academic Staff**

Please participate in a survey of Contract Academic Staff (CAS) in Canada

The Canadian Association of University Teachers is undertaking the first ever national study on the experiences of Contract Academic Staff (CAS). The research is led by Dr. Karen Foster, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Dalhousie University. It will collect much needed data on the experiences of this growing academic workforce.

While participation is entirely voluntary, we are asking for your full participation to ensure as many CAS as possible are included in this critical study.

The survey is open to those who taught in the 2016-2017 academic year, at one or more Canadian post-secondary institutions (including universities, colleges, and polytechnics) and whose job is in some way *non-permanent*, whether your title is "contract instructor", "contract academic staff", a "limited-term appointment", "part-time faculty", "adjunct", "sessional", or similar.

The survey consists of approximately 60 questions—some multiple-choice and some open-ended—that should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. It will be open until November 1, 2017. Please circulate this survey link to all CAS and CAS associations.

<https://caut.limequery.org/151696?lang=en>

Additional information on the study, data protection, confidentiality and risks of participation is accessible via a linked *Informed Consent* document in the survey's introduction.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Foster (at 902-494-6751), Karen.Foster@dal.ca - email is most reliable).