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**PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL READING LITERACY STUDY (PIRLS) 2021  
MAIN STUDY**

**PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA) 2022  
FIELD TEST**

**REQUEST FOR CODERS AND TEAM LEADERS**

**Remote Coding Session**

**PIRLS: July 5–23, 2021**

**PISA: July 5–22, 2021**

The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international assessment administered every five years that measures trends in students' reading-literacy achievement, as well as policies and practices related to literacy. The target population assessed by PIRLS is students in Grade 4, and the mean age at the time of testing is at least 9.5 years. This study is carried out under the aegis of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), a consortium of research institutions in 60 countries. In Canada, about 12,000 students from over 400 schools are taking part in the PIRLS 2021 Main Study, which is being administered in spring 2021.

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international assessment of the skills and knowledge of 15-year-olds. The study is directed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and involves over 80 countries/economies. Because the study is administered every three years, it will continue to produce data on students that can be compared internationally and over time. In Canada, about 2,200 students from 43 schools are taking part in the PISA 2022 Field Test. The assessment covers five domains: mathematics, science, reading, creative thinking, and financial literacy. In 2022, the major assessment domain is mathematics.

The PIRLS 2021 Main Study will be coded remotely from July 12 to July 23, 2021, and the PISA 2022 Field Test will be coded remotely from July 5 to July 22, 2021. For PIRLS, coding leaders and team leaders will meet on July 5, in advance of the coding session. Team leaders will be responsible for training coders and for assisting coders throughout the coding session. Team leaders also work closely with coding leaders and other team leaders.

Approximately 80 coders and up to 10 team leaders (English, French, or bilingual) will be hired for the session, with some participants coming from ministries and departments of education across the country.

Prospective candidates are invited to outline their qualifications and experience using the electronic form available at <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/codingsessionsjuly2021>. All applications will be considered.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have experience coding past cycles of PIRLS (applicable for team leader positions only);
- have a background in teaching language arts, mathematics, or science (as applicable);
- be a regular teacher, substitute teacher, retired teacher, or future teacher;
- have knowledge of the provincial programs of study for the target populations (PIRLS – Grade 4; PISA – 15-year-olds) in their respective subjects;
- be computer literate and have access to a high-speed internet connection; and
- be available for the **entire duration** of the coding session in their respective subjects.

Bilingualism and previous experience with coding student responses is considered an asset. Familiarity with Zoom and other videoconferencing tools is also considered an asset.

Coders and team leaders will receive training and perform their duties as shown in the schedule below. To accommodate coders from across Canada, coding is scheduled for 5.5 hours per day, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, to account for the range of time zones across the country. The maximum number of anticipated working days is shown below.

	Reading	Mathematics	Science	Financial Literacy	Creative Thinking
PIRLS 2021 Main Study – Team leader training	July 5 to 9, 2021* Contract up to 5 days				
PIRLS 2021 Main Study	July 12 to 23, 2021* Contract up to 10 days				
PISA 2022 Field Test	July 5 to 12, 2021* Contract up to 6 days	July 5 to 15, 2021* Contract up to 9 days	July 5 to 12, 2021* Contract up to 6 days	July 5 to 12, 2021* Contract up to 6 days	July 5 to 22, 2021* Contract up to 14 days

\*Coding is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT daily.

The allocation of coders and team leaders was determined by PIRLS and PISA coding requirements. To the extent possible, positions will be filled by applicants who already have experience in previous coding sessions coordinated by CMEC, given the high number of trend items to be coded.

For coders, compensation is set at \$33 per hour per 5.5-hour workday, which includes 4 percent vacation pay. For team leaders, compensation is set at \$38 per hour per 5.5-hour workday, which includes 4 percent vacation pay. No other expenses, such as meals, will be covered. **The application deadline is May 31, 2021.** CMEC thanks all candidates for their interest. Only successful candidates will be notified of the status of their application.