POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN

Department of Family Medicine

Developing contextually appropriate interventions for people living with obesity and type 2 diabetes in vulnerable ethnocultural newcomer communities is a highly complex problem. To develop an intervention, we need to understand the experiences and conditions in which people make a living and care for each other more deeply. Our project seeks to understand care gaps through a mixed-methods approach that integrates population-level data about these communities with the perspectives of people with obesity and diabetes and interdisciplinary primary healthcare providers.

The successful candidate will be integral to carrying out qualitative research using a participatory, community-based approach with cultural brokers, newcomer communities, and primary care providers. The position requires strong knowledge and experience in qualitative research methods including participatory research methods, ethnographic fieldwork experience, participant observation, in-depth narrative interviews, and focus groups. Research will be conducted in close partnership with participants and guided by their contextual expertise to appropriately capture lived experience and facilitate dialogue across stakeholder groups with different backgrounds. This position requires reflexivity and flexibility, the ability to engage and build relationships, excellent listening skills, critical thinking and analysis skills, a solid grounding in social science theory, and the ability to work both independently and in a team. Candidates will have experience in speaking with and to people of various ethnic and professional backgrounds.

The post-doctoral fellow will have some prior knowledge of the Alberta health care landscape. Familiarity with immigration and refugee topics is an asset. The candidate is able to organize tasks independently, in coordination with the project leads, and according to project timelines. Some data collection outside of regular working hours may be required. Excellent writing and communication skills are essential.

This position is a unique opportunity for conducting participatory research in partnership with a local community organization, local primary care organization, public health professionals, and a multidisciplinary research team. The post-doctoral fellow will have the opportunity to (co-)author publications and enhance their professional development.

Applications are invited from PhD graduates. Funding is available to support this 18-month position. The base salary range is $50,000 - $55,000 CDN per annum. Applicants will have an excellent academic record, a beginning record of publication, and a planned research program. Applicants will be expected to apply for fellowships.

To Apply:

Interested applicants from anthropology, sociology, public health, population health or other relevant social science or health science field should submit an application consisting of a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a sample of your writing, and contact information for three references to:
Attn: Dr. Denise Campbell-Scherer  
c/o of Ms. Melanie Heatherington  
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780-492-8987

Closing date:  
This position will be advertised until a suitable candidate is identified, however, review of applications will commence on April 15th, 2018.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.  
The University of Alberta is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.