

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Women's Mental Health Research

Applications for Research and Clinical-Research Fellowships in the area of Women's Mental Health for 2018-2019 are now being accepted.

Postdoctoral fellowships in the area of Women's Mental Health Research are available at the Women's College Research Institute, Women's College Hospital, at the University of Toronto. These positions are supported by the Shirley A. Brown Memorial Chair in Women's Mental Health Research, and will provide two (2) researchers with the ability to join an established team of clinical and health services researchers with a focus on Women's Mental Health. The position will be supervised by Dr. Simone Vigod, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and the Institute for Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, and the Shirley A. Brown Memorial Chair in Women's Mental Health Research at Women's College Research Institute. Dr. Vigod is also the clinical lead of the Reproductive Life Stages (RLS) Program at Women's College Hospital, a specialized psychiatry program focused on women with mental health issues related to the perimenstrual, perinatal and perimenopausal time periods.

We are seeking epidemiologist, health services or clinical health systems researchers. These individuals will play key roles in research designed to promote health and wellbeing among women with mental illness and their families, including children and partners. One part of the research program focuses on leveraging population-level clinical and health system data to identify and understand disparities in health and health care for women with mental illness and their families. The second part focuses on the design and evaluation of health system solutions to optimize healthcare and its delivery in this population; most of the health system solutions make use of digital technologies. While several aspects of women's mental health are studied in this research program, the causes, sequelae and treatments of mental illness during pregnancy and postpartum are major foci.

Description of the Role

This fellowship opportunity provides funding for one year, with opportunity for renewal. Candidates are expected to:

- Attend and contribute to regular team meetings
- Work collaboratively with team members to explore challenges in methods related to: (1) population-based research in women's mental health; and/or (2) evaluation of complex interventions/health system solutions
- Lead and contribute as a team member on a series of research studies
- Contribute to the development of grant applications
- Disseminate research using traditional methods (e.g. publications, presentations) as well as exploring other more novel forms of communication to stakeholders, including front-line providers of maternal and child mental health care, women, and their families Provide some mentorship for junior team members, including undergraduate summer students, graduate students and clinician-scientist medical residents
- For fellows with clinical training only (i.e. MD, clinical psychology): To participate in clinical activities in the RLS program under Dr. Vigod's supervision (or equivalent) for a minimum of 20% of a full-time equivalent. MDs with an independent practice license in Ontario will be able to bill the Ontario Health Insurance Plan for clinical work in addition to the compensation provided through the fellowship.

Qualifications

- PhD completed, or MD plus Masters Degree completed or in progress (MD or Clinical PhDs must have an independent practice license in Ontario, or be eligible for academic licensure)
- Expertise in epidemiology, health services research or randomized controlled trials
- Research experience in an academic environment
- Expertise in conducting and analyzing quantitative data
- Experience with large administrative datasets and/or randomized controlled trials an asset
- Health services or clinical health systems research expertise an asset
- Prior publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Exceptional organizational skills
- Exceptional writing and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Excellent computer skills and software expertise

Application Guidelines

Interested applicants to this program should submit:

1. Their CV and relevant reprints
2. A letter summarizing their research interest, career plans, and future research goals
3. A letter of recommendation from a supervisor
4. For fellows with clinical training who wish to include a clinical component to their fellowship: proof of licensure/impending licensure with information on eligibility to practice in Ontario.

Candidates must be eligible to work in Canada.

Deadline: March 31, 2018

For further information about the fellowship program, or to submit your application package, contact:

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NOTE: We thank all applicants. Only individuals who are short-listed will be contacted for an interview