

Postdoctoral Fellow in Community Service Learning/Dental Public Health Research

Job title

Postdoctoral Associate

Required qualifications

A PhD in a health-related field (completed in the past 5yrs), with preference given to expertise in Epidemiology and Biostatistics and/or Heath Service Research and/or Dental Public Health and/or Mixed Methods and/or related fields

Job Description

The Community Service Lab (CSL) of Dr. Abbas Jessani at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry is seeking applications for a **Postdoctoral Associate** with aspirations to become an independent researcher and/or academic in the area of population and public health with a focus on access to dental care and equity seeking populations such as living with HIV, 2SLGBT+, High-risk youth and other equity seeking groups. The fellow would work under the direction of Dr. Abbas Jessani, Assistant Director Curriculum Renewal and Service Learning at the Department of Dentistry, School of Medicine and Dentistry.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will contribute significantly to the successful conduct of multiple activities as prioritized by the CSL lab director with minimum to no supervision. Ability to manage multiple task in an interprofessional collaborative setting is an absolute essential skill for this position.

The successful candidate would contribute to ongoing projects in the CSL lab pertained to dental community outreach, service learning in South Western Ontario and East Africa. He/she/they will also contribute in research projects including access to oral healthcare among equity seeking populations in SW Ontario and East Africa, dental education research to assess the impact of CSL among the undergraduate dental learners and projects reacted to stigma and discrimination. The fellow would also be given opportunities to produce first-author and co-author publications using existing data, present at national and international conferences, and collaborate on grant applications. If desired, the fellow would also be supported in developing their own project in the general area of access to care and equity seeking groups.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will also lead the design and implementation of knowledge synthesis and translation activities according to the directions of the program director. Activities will include a diverse set of experiences, not limited to systematic/scoping reviews on identified content areas, working with PI on ethics approvals, and primary data collection projects on prioritized projects, followed by analysis and knowledge synthesis. He/She/They will closely work with the public and community, social, and health service stakeholders in SW Ontario and East Africa to meet the project goals and timelines.

An ideal candidate will possess:

- Excellent quantitative and qualitative research skills including higher proficiency in qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience in conducting knowledge synthesis activities such as systematic reviews and scoping reviews
- Experience conducting critical appraisals
- Strong time and tasks management skills, to manage multiple projects and deadlines
- Experience applying for and maintaining research ethics board approvals
- Familiarity with reference management software
- Experience in lay summary writing and social media considered an asset
- The ability to work productively in a self-directed manner as well as collaboratively within a virtual research team
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision
- Excellent knowledge of Participatory Action Research (PAR) and Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) will be an asset

Remuneration

Depending on qualification and experience

Benefits: https://www.uwo.ca/hr/benefits/your_benefits/pda/index.html

Supervisor and academic unit

Department of Dentistry, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry

Application deadline

September 15, 2023 or until the position is filled.

Start date

Fall 2023

Duration of appointment

1-yr contract (4 months probation) with a possibility of renewal.

Location

London, Ontario (In-Person)

Required documentation

- A cover letter summarizing your interest in the position, relevant experience, and description of how this training will contribute to your career goals
- Curriculum vitae
- Two writing samples (published or unpublished) of related peer-reviewed publications, including an explanation of your role in the work
- Names and contact information of three referees

Please send these documentations to:

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