



POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLAR OPPORTUNITY WOMEN'S HEALTH EQUITY, VIOLENCE, AND RURALITY

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I am pleased to announce an innovative post-doctoral training opportunity designed to mentor new researchers in understanding and addressing factors which shape the health and quality of life of women and families who have experienced violence and other marginalizing conditions, as a means of improving health equity. This training award is linked to an established, interdisciplinary program of funded research focussed on intimate partner violence and health equity, which incorporates attention to the unique issues women who live in rural settings face in addressing violence and in promoting their health. The Women's Health Research Chair in Rural Health was established in 2002 to provide strategic leadership in the development of leading research, expansion of research capacity through training opportunities, and promotion of evidence-based policy and practices through engagement with varied stakeholders, in areas relevant to the health of women living in rural settings.

Current research areas:

Health Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): Examination of the long-term, mental and physical health consequences of IPV (and other forms of trauma) among diverse groups of women, including patterns of health, mechanisms which explain the cumulative impacts of violence/trauma on health, and the role of women's resources and local context in mediating and/or buffering these effects.

Women's Experiences of IPV, Help Seeking and Health in Rural and Urban Contexts: Understanding the unique and common experiences of women who live in rural and urban settings in responding to violence, and in seeking help to improve their health, safety, and quality of life. This includes a focus on examining the capacity of community agencies in violence, health, social service and legal sectors to support women and their families in addressing IPV.

Developing and Testing Interventions to Prevent and/or Reduce IPV and the Health and Social Consequences of IPV: Developing effective, community-based interventions which are accessible, and tailored to women's needs and local contexts. Particular focus on trauma-informed primary health care interventions or models of care, particularly those which bridge different service sectors, and technology-enabled interventions to reach women who may not access traditional services.

Options and Expectations

This is a 1 year, full-time opportunity, with the potential for renewal for a second year. The scholar will be expected to complete progress reports every six months and to meet with their supervisor and/or the research team on a regular basis. Scholars should live within driving distance of London, Ontario, but may negotiate with Dr. Ford-Gilboe to complete some research activities from a distance, while maintaining contact by email and/or telephone. It is expected that the scholar will hold external funding, or apply for such funding, during the tenure of this award.

Training Components

Educational Training: An individualized curriculum plan to address substantive, conceptual, methodological and analytic areas relevant to the scholar's goals for post-doctoral education in order to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to conduct independent research related to women's health equity, violence and /or rurality.

Research Training: Includes two inter-related opportunities to: a) participate as a team member in components of Dr. Ford-Gilboe's research which align with the scholar's training goals (e.g. proposal development, development of protocols, study coordination, data analysis, knowledge translation and exchange, including preparation of manuscripts for publication) and, b) support to develop and lead an independent research project with guidance and mentoring from an expert researcher in the field.

Professional and Career Development Training: Mentoring for career planning and preparation for an academic and/or research career in areas including: grant writing, project management, building a research team, knowledge translation and exchange, and other skills necessary for success as an independent investigator with an established program of research.

Resources Available to the Post-Doctoral Scholar

- An annual stipend of \$50,000 to support personal expenses associated with completing the fellowship
- Targeted financial support to present research at one research conference and/or to attend workshops and meetings related to their training goals.

Additional resources include:

- Access to an interdisciplinary network of outstanding research collaborators;
- Potential for trainee membership in an international network of researchers and policy makers focussed on the development of interventions to prevent violence and/or its consequences;
- Access to graduate courses in areas of interest offered a wide range of disciplines (e.g. Nursing, Health Sciences, Statistics, Sociology, Women's Studies, Statistics)
- Opportunities to access professional and career development and research supports and activities offered by the Western's School of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Study;
- Opportunities to participate in ongoing, innovative knowledge translation and exchange.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Doctoral degree in Nursing, Health Science, Social Science or related discipline
- Interest in conducting health research in one or more areas of focus noted in this call
- Demonstrated track record of scholarship in an area related to this training opportunity
- Recommendation of PhD Supervisor and 2 other referees

Apply now for Summer or Fall 2014 Admission

Applications: Eligible candidates should send a letter of interest, brief summary of proposed research plan, curriculum vitae and names of 3 references by email to Dr. Marilyn Ford-Gilboe (mfordg@uwo.ca). There is no formal deadline. However, only one position is available. Eligible candidates will be interviewed by telephone or in person.

More information about postdoctoral studies at Western is available at:

http://grad.uwo.ca/postdoctoral/prospective_postdocs.htm