POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW POSITION

Department of Psychiatry
Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Centre for Education Research & Innovation

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

TEACHING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH
TO FAMILY PHYSICIANS AND PEDIATRICIANS IN RURAL SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

We are pleased to announce a postdoctoral fellowship opportunity for an individual with sophisticated expertise in health professional education research, particularly in the domain of program evaluation of health sciences education. This is a three-year fellowship opportunity beginning July 01, 2013.

The postdoctoral fellow will have membership in both of the organizations partnering to support this opportunity, the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry and the Centre for Education Research & Innovation (CERI) at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

Project Overview

A needs assessment has been completed and an educational curriculum on topics relevant to children’s mental health, such as depression, is currently being developed in anticipation of teaching family physicians and pediatricians in rural South Western Ontario. The Children’s Hospital is the lead organization in this national collaborative study that has the potential to significantly advance our knowledge of how to successfully bridge children’s mental health with family and pediatric medicine in order to ensure appropriate care of Ontario children living in rural communities.

The postdoctoral fellow will be responsible to ensure that the project is appropriately evaluated and studied. These activities will include:

- Development and execution of a rigorous program evaluation of the children’s mental health curriculum
- Assessment of potential change(s) in family physician\pediatrician’s practice based on their involvement in the program
- Creation of high-quality materials to support knowledge translation of mental health evidence to children\youth and their families as informed by the evaluation of the curriculum

The fellowship will also include opportunities for the successful candidate to develop unique research questions of relevance to this evaluation project and to develop their own skills in grantsmanship, knowledge translation, research design and writing for a health professional education audience. Opportunities also exist for participation in the supervision of health professional education graduate student research, and for graduate level teaching.

Required Education and Experience

- A PhD in Education or a Social Science related field from a recognized University
- Demonstrated experience in health sciences education
- Thorough understanding and demonstrated experience in rigorous program evaluation
- Demonstrated experience in quantitative and qualitative research
- Demonstrated experience in the dissemination of research findings
- Experience in writing research grants
- Experience in the mental health domain is preferred

Supervision: The fellow will be jointly supervised. At CERI, the fellow’s research development will be supervised by Dr. Lorelei Lingard, while their work in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry will be overseen by Dr. Margaret Steele. The fellow will share office space at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Care Program at Children’s Hospital and will have desk space available at CERI.
Available funding: $70,000 per year for three years beginning July 01, 2013.

Application: Applicants are requested to submit a sample of their writing, vita along with covering letter, and contact information for three references to Dr. Steele at the following address:

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