

**Postdoctoral Associate Position in Aging and Inclusion in Neighbourhoods
University of Western Ontario**

Researchers in the School of Occupational Therapy and Department of Geography at the University of Western Ontario invite applications for a postdoctoral associate position in Aging and Inclusion in Neighbourhoods. A PhD in Gerontology, Occupational Science, Rehabilitation Science, Sociology, Human Geography or other relevant discipline is required at the time of appointment, with completion no earlier than September 1, 2018. The position is available effective September 1, 2020 for one year with potential to renew.

The appointment involves full-time scholarship and research, located in London, Ontario. The successful candidate will work with Dr. Carri Hand in the School of Occupational Therapy, a group of interdisciplinary faculty members at Western, and community research partners, primarily on the SSHRC-funded study, *Exploring and Promoting Older Adults' Inclusion in Neighbourhoods*. This 2-phase project aims to enhance understanding of how and why older adults experience exclusion within their neighbourhoods and develop and implement strategies that strengthen inclusion amongst older residents. In Phase 1 we applied an interdisciplinary research approach, inclusive of qualitative and geospatial methods, to explore older adults' activity participation, social engagement and community mobility in two London neighbourhoods. In Phase 2, we have begun to engage stakeholders and older adults as co-researchers in a participatory action research cycle to promote the inclusion of older adults in their neighbourhoods. The postdoctoral associate will play a key role in Phase 2 of this project. The postdoctoral associate will also engage in one or more research projects related to older adults' participation in occupations and social engagement and will be involved in project management, supervising research assistants, collecting and analyzing data, interacting with cross-sector collaborators, writing academic journal articles, and preparing reports and presentations for funders and community knowledge users.

The ideal candidate will have excellent writing, verbal communication, organization and interpersonal skills. The candidate will have research experience with older adults and with community development or participatory action research. In addition, the ideal candidate will have experience in qualitative methods, including conducting various forms of data collection, facilitating focus groups and/or meetings, and conducting qualitative data analysis. Familiarity with participatory and/or geospatial methods will be considered assets.

This position includes funding for conference travel related to the study as well as time to pursue independent research goals relevant to the postdoctoral project focus. The University of Western Ontario offers excellent supports to postdoctoral scholars, see www.grad.uwo.ca/postdoctoral_services. For information about Dr. Hand's research lab and the School of Occupational Therapy, see www.engageresearch.ca and www.uwo.ca/fhs/ot/.

To apply, by **June 15, 2020**, please submit a cover letter including a brief statement of research interests, curriculum vitae, 1 to 2 peer-reviewed articles either authored/co-authored, and names and contact details (email and telephone) of 3 referees we may contact. Please send the application by email and address any inquiries to Dr. Carri Hand, School of Occupational Therapy, University of Western Ontario, 1201 Western Rd., London, ON, N6G 1H1, chand22@uwo.ca. We appreciate all applications, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.