

Postdoctoral Associate in Health Studies at Western University

Western University's Sam Katz Community Health and Aging Research Unit invites applications for a full-time Postdoctoral Associate in Health Studies. A PhD in gerontology, health studies, communication sciences or a relevant discipline is required at the time of appointment. The position is available effective May 1, 2022 (alternative start date may be negotiated) and will be for an initial period of one year with a strong potential to renewal. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

The [Sam Katz Community Health and Aging Research Unit](#) is an endowed and Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) funded cross sector transdisciplinary research unit. Its aim is to identify ways to enable positive and sustained aging, and to maximize the positive collective abilities, resilience and resourcefulness of communities as a whole.

The Postdoctoral Associate will work with an interdisciplinary team of scholars and engage in research projects related to [Be EPIC](#), a person-centered communication training for health care workers on the frontline.

The Postdoctoral Associate will be involved in helping manage projects related to implementing and testing a virtual reality version of Be EPIC, working with research and community collaborators, mentoring research assistants, leading data collection and project management activities, conducting quantitative and/or qualitative analyses, writing/collaborating on academic journal articles, and preparing reports and presentations for funders and knowledge users, including non-academic audiences. The Postdoctoral Associate will support a healthy workplace that embraces equity, diversity, and inclusion, and complies with all applicable health and safety, and regulatory requirements.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Knowledge of communication, dementia, and person-centered care
- Demonstrated experience with conversational analysis
- Demonstrated ability to conduct quantitative and/or qualitative analysis, including the use of SPSS and NVivo
- Excellent written and oral communication in English, with an emerging publication record
- Excellent project management skills and organizational skills
- A genuine desire to have an impact using research

Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, a brief statement of research interests, a writing sample, and names and contact details (email and telephone) of two referees. Please send the application and any inquires to Dr. Marie Y. Savundranayagam, Email: msavund@uwo.ca. Informal inquiries are welcome.

We invite applications from all qualified individuals. We are committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups and visible minorities in Canada, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process.

Salary will be paid commensurate with experience. More information about benefits for postdoctoral associates at Western University can be found here:

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