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Assistant Professor - Contractually Limited Term
Appointment (CLTA) - Indigenous Maternal and Child
Health - 1701724

Job Field: Contractually Limited Term (Professoriate)

Faculty / Division: Dalla Lana School of Public Health

Department: Public Health, Dalla Lana School of

Campus: St. George (downtown Toronto)

Job Posting: Oct 26, 2017

Job Closing: November 30, 2017, Open Until Filled

Description:

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) at the University of Toronto (<http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca>) invite applications for one Contractually Limited Term Appointment for a two-year term, in the area of Indigenous Maternal and Child Health. The successful candidate will be closely associated with The Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health (WBIH) in the DLSPH and the Well Living House (WLH) Action Research Centre for Indigenous Infant, Child and Family Health and Wellbeing at the Centre for Urban Solutions at the St Michael's Hospital. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and will commence on January 1, 2018 and end on December 31, 2019.

We seek New Investigators who have focused their training and early career research on applied Indigenous health, working in partnership with Indigenous communities. Eligible candidates will have a Ph.D. in a relevant field such as public health, epidemiology, sociology, psychology, evaluation, or be clinically trained (MD, RN, RM, ND, PT, OT) with a relevant Masters degree (ie. Public Health, Epidemiology, Health Sciences). The successful candidate should have a demonstrated record of excellence in Indigenous research, teaching, and community engagement, as evidence by publications in leading journals in the field or a high quality research pipeline, presentations at significant conferences, and strong endorsements by referees. Evidence of excellence in teaching will be demonstrated through teaching accomplishments, strong letters of reference and the teaching dossier and teaching statement submitted as part of the application. In-depth theoretical and practical knowledge of Indigenous social systems, with a preference for experience is a pre-requisite for this position.

This WBIH New Investigator opportunity will ensure that a promising emerging researcher in Indigenous Maternal and Child Health is provided the early career support and protected research time to become a leader and advance this field, which is relatively under-developed in Canada. The WBIH New Investigator will benefit from mentorship from leading scholars in Indigenous health and evaluation located at WBIH and WLH and immersion in an exciting and world class intervention research project. She/he will be supported to develop and frame their research program in a manner that both supports timely and effective analysis and application of the proposed study results and ensures that they are able to develop their own distinct scholarship through nested research questions and spin-off projects. This individual will also stimulate innovative approaches to



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applied health services research, mentorship and knowledge exchange in the area of Indigenous maternal and child health within the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the new WBIIH. The successful candidate will be involved in teaching or co-teaching a course in the area of advanced Indigenous health research methods and providing mentorship to Indigenous research stream students.

This position will be funded through a Merck for Mothers Foundation funded grant to the WBIIH and WLH. The Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health (WBIIH) was established in 2014, endowed with a \$10 million gift commitment from Michael and Amira Dan family in late 2014, and named in 2015. It is positioned to serve as the hub for the University of Toronto's recently-renewed scholastic mission of training students and fellows and promoting research in Indigenous Health both in urban and rural settings that will directly inform policy and advocacy efforts that, in turn, will lead towards measurable improvements in Indigenous health. The WBIIH works together with a powerful consortium of affiliated centres that focus on or provide general infrastructure support that contributes to this area of scholarship, such as First Nations House at the University of Toronto; the Aboriginal Community.

The Well Living House (<http://www.welllivinghouse.com/>) builds on a foundation of over two decades of collaborative work between Indigenous health researchers, front line health practitioners and Indigenous community grandparents. The WLH vision is that every Indigenous infant will be born into a context that promotes health and well-being. At the core of WLH work is a commitment to respect and apply both Indigenous community-based and mainstream academic knowledge and expertise to advance the health of Indigenous infants, families and communities. WLH is located within the Centre for Urban Health Solutions (C-UHS) of St. Michael's Hospital (SMH) and co-governed by SMH and an Indigenous Grandparents Counsel. In the past four years the WLH has acquired \$4 million of research funding as a lead agency, supported over 50 trainees and implemented research partnerships with 26 First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban communities/organizations. Core activities include developing better Indigenous maternal, child, and community data systems; identifying and evaluating best practices in Indigenous maternal child health; and Indigenous knowledge translation.

Applicants should also ask three referees to send letters (signed and on letterhead) directly to Melodie Buhagiar, via email to acadsearch.dlsph@utoronto.ca.

All application materials must be submitted online. Review of applications will begin after November 30, 2017 and the position will remain open until filled.

Submission guidelines can be found at: <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply>. We recommend combining attached documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format.

Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal



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People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.