Post-Doctoral Fellow – Youth Mental Health and Substance Use

Margaret and Wallace McCain Centre for Child, Youth and Family Mental Health

Based in the CAMH Child, Youth and Emerging Adult Program, the donor funded McCain Centre is focused on enhancing and improving the design, delivery and effectiveness of mental health and addictions care systems, services and policies for children, youth and families. The McCain Centre combines evidence-based and innovative research approaches to ensure strong child, youth, family and other stakeholder voices in their initiatives.

The McCain Centre is seeking a highly motivated Postdoctoral Fellow who will mine data from the Research and Action for Teens (RAFT) study, a longitudinal cohort study that assessed a school-based sample of youth from the age of 12 to 18. The study was comprised of multiple measures aimed at understanding various aspects of the emergence of mental health, addictions, and concurrent disorders. The dataset includes multiple manuscript opportunities, based on the experience and interest of the Fellow, with a focus on the mental health and substance use characteristics of youth from early-to-late adolescence. The Fellow will closely examine the profiles of youth, including variables such as mental health, substance use, emotion regulation, hope, satisfaction with life, resilience, attachment, and service utilization. This process will help build an understanding of the ways youth move in and out of mental health and substance use challenges, as well as other factors associated with these changes.

Opportunities will be available to become involved in additional research projects in youth mental health and substance use, based on the Fellow’s area of expertise and interest. In addition to this work, the Fellow will have access to various academic and training experiences, including professional mentorship and support as they transition into academic, not-for-profit, or industry careers. They will join a motivated, supportive team that is working together to advance the understanding of youth mental health and addictions trajectories and use this knowledge to transform the youth mental health system.

**Job Qualifications:** The successful candidate will have obtained a Ph.D. in clinical, cognitive or health psychology (or a closely related discipline) as of the start date. A minimum of 3 years of human subject research experience in a relevant topic area (e.g. addiction/mental health or clinical outcomes) is required.
The highest preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate strong research design, data analysis and manuscript writing skills, with experience working with youth with MHA challenges. A demonstrated record of independent scientific productivity, as evidenced by a history of first-author, peer-review publications, is required.

The successful candidate will also possess excellent attention to detail, strong communication, interpersonal, leadership and community collaboration skills, and will be responsive to deadlines and performance feedback. Candidates must possess a strong ability for self-directed learning and production of independent scholarly work. The ability to work effectively in a fast-paced clinical research environment with minimal supervision is essential, as is the ability to effectively lead and direct other project assistants and to collaborate effectively with multidisciplinary clinical and research teams.

This is a 12-month, full-time, contract position. A second year is possible but not guaranteed. The position start date is negotiable between July 1 and October 1 2019.

This project will be supervised by Dr. Joanna Henderson and Dr. Lisa Hawke. For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Hawke, at lisa.hawke@camh.ca