Post-Doctoral Fellow – Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Services

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 contribute to work aiming to optimize integrated service hubs for youth. The primary role of the Postdoctoral Fellow will be to support a study examining youth, caregiver, and service provider perspectives on core components and characteristics of integrated service hubs for youth mental health and substance use. By examining the service preferences from diverse samples using a methodologically rigorous approach, i.e., a discrete choice experiment, it will be possible to propose a set of essential core components of integrated care to maximize the acceptability, usability, and uptake of integrated service hubs by the various stakeholder groups. The results will guide provincial, national and international researchers, service agencies, investors, and policymakers interested in transforming the youth mental health and substance use service system through optimal youth- and family-friendly integrated youth service hub models that meet the needs of all stakeholders.

Duties will consist primarily of 1) involvement in all stages of study execution for the primary research project, and 2) data analysis, with statistical support as needed, and manuscript preparation. Opportunities will be available to become involved in additional research projects in youth mental health and substance use with publishing opportunities, 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 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, community engagement, and data analysis 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 August 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