JOB POSTING, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Area of Research: Epidemiology, Knowledge Translation, Health Policy

Project summaries:

COVID-19 Evidence-based Policy Resources

Description of duties:

The Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME) is seeking a highly motivated individual to work with the COVID-19 Policy Group led by Professor Vivek Goel. The COVID-19 Policy Group will produce timely actionable guidance for how different sectors of society can safely resume operations during the ongoing pandemic. The purpose is to assist stakeholders in applying the guidance that is coming from formal public health organizations. The Group will synthesize this guidance in a form that helps those not trained in public health and infectious diseases to implement safe procedures in their settings. Where guidance is unclear or evolving the group will develop protocols for generating evidence that could be used to support public health policy decision. This includes literature reviews and syntheses, jurisdictional scans or the development of research proposals to examine specific questions.

The candidate will help to conduct literature reviews and syntheses; complete policy analyses; and develop and conduct research studies using a range of qualitative and quantitative methods.

The successful candidate will work in a highly dynamic environment with exposure to world-leading academic experts as well as public health practitioners and interact with a broad range of stakeholders external to the University.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to formulate and lead research projects to develop the skills and experience necessary to pursue an independent research program in the future.

S/he will be supervised by Prof. Vivek Goel, (https://ihpme.utoronto.ca/faculty/vivek-goel/).

The post is available immediately. It is full time on a 12-months fixed-term basis, and renewable for another 12 months based on mutual agreement.

Specific tasks will include:

- collect and compile relevant data and information from public sites and existing networks;
- conduct literature reviews and syntheses
- conduct policy analyses
- assist in development of knowledge translation activities
- develop and conduct appropriate studies using a mixed methods approach
- prepare manuscripts for publication
- assist in developing grant proposals in related areas in collaboration with supervisors
- Contribute to teaching/supervising of postgraduate students;
- Other research/administrative duties requested by the supervisor.

Salary:

$55,000-65,000 per annum depending on candidate, skills and experience.

Please note that should the minimum rates stipulated in the collective agreement fall below the rates stated in this posting, the minimum rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.

Required qualifications:

Minimum Degree Required: Ph.D.

Preferred Qualifications:

Ph.D. obtained within five years of hiring, preferably in Epidemiology, Clinical Epidemiology, Health Services Research Public Health or a related field. The candidate should have strong ability to communicate scientific material; high enthusiasm, strong work ethic, and willingness to perform at a high level consistently.

Application instructions:

All individuals interested in this position must submit a CV and two letters of references to Prof. Vivek Goel (vivek.goel@utoronto.ca) by the closing date. Optional application documents include cover letter, dissertation abstract, writing sample/publications and research abstract.

Closing date: Open Until Filled

Supervisor:

Prof. Vivek Goel, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (https://ihpme.utoronto.ca/faculty/vivek-goel/)

Expected start date: Immediately upon successful selection of an applicant

Term: This is a one-year position, renewable for a second year subject to availability of funding and performance of the postdoc.

FTE:

The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a full-time postdoctoral fellow (pro-rated for those holding a partial appointment) recognizing that the needs of the employee, research and training and the needs of the supervisor, research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee, duties and hours of work.
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The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of color, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.