Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity

The Canadian Health Experiences Research team is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to join our CIHR-funded project From the Heart – Canadian Women’s Experiences of Heart Failure, working with Dr. Susan Law and team based at the Institute for Better Health, Trillium Health Partners, and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto.

POSITION OVERVIEW:
- As a core team member, contribute to the collection and analysis of personal narratives of Canadian women living with heart failure, as well as strategies for dissemination of results
- To develop and lead strategies for ensuring diversity of experience and individuals within the sample
- To contribute to the qualitative analysis and preparation of knowledge translation materials for online production, as well as contribute to publications and conference presentations
- To participate in training opportunities as appropriate related to the methods and approaches adopted by the team as part of the international collaboration on health experiences research
- Participate in activities of DIPEx International – semi-annual scientific meetings, working groups as appropriate

The successful candidate will be appointed as a postdoctoral fellow within the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and work in collaboration with team members based at Trillium Health Partners – Institute for Better Health, as well as project leads in Quebec, Nova Scotia, British Columbia and elsewhere.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS
- PhD completed within 5 years in a health-related discipline with a major focus on qualitative methods and approaches
- Experience working with video recording and editing an asset
- Demonstrated knowledge, training and experience in knowledge translation
- Fluent in language(s) other than English an asset
- Experience in working with diverse communities and recruitment an asset
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in working with patients and clinicians as partners
- A skilled team player, excellent interpersonal and communication skills

SALARY
$60,000 per annum plus benefits, plus $5K allowance

EXPECTED START DATE: Immediately upon successful selection of an applicant.

TERM: This is a one-year full time position.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Applications should include a cover letter and academic CV to be submitted to Dr. Susan Law at susan.law@utoronto.ca by December 10, 2021.

FTE: Full time
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.

About the Canadian Health Experiences Research Network (CHERN)
The Canadian health experiences research program led by Dr. Susan Law has projects based at the University of Toronto, Trillium Health Partners – Institute for Better Health (Mississauga) and St. Mary’s Research Centre (Montreal) and involves a growing network of researchers, patients, caregivers and clinicians across Canada. The research is focused on gathering personal narratives of illness using video and audio recording, with results presented online (see https://healthexperiences.ca/) to help support others with similar conditions, and to offer insights for teaching, policy and system improvement. This work is based on the original initiative developed at the University of Oxford (see https://healthtalk.org/) which has grown into an international collaboration involving 13 countries (see https://dipexinternational.org/).

Institute for Better Health
Trillium Health Partners established the Institute for Better Health to help create a new kind of health care for a healthier community. The Institute for Better Health leads research and innovation projects that align with the hospital’s goals and supports the advancement of research and innovation across the hospital – all with the intention of improving health and transforming care. Being embedded in one of the largest hospitals in Ontario offers exciting opportunities to test solutions that can be adapted to impact health in our community, province, country and beyond. For more information regarding the IBH, please visit: http://trilliumhealthpartners.ca/researchandinnovation/Pages/Overview.aspx

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