

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

Applications for a Research Fellowship in the area of Aging are now being accepted.

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:

Women's College Research Institute (WCRI) is a multidisciplinary research institute based at Women's College Hospital (WCH) – Canada's leading academic, ambulatory hospital and a world leader in women's health. WCH is fully affiliated with the University of Toronto and is a member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network. WCRI is one of only a few hospital-based research institutes worldwide to focus on women's health. Our scientists, all of who have academic appointments at the University of Toronto, conduct research that improves the health of women, helps people prevent and manage complex chronic conditions, and delivers innovative health system solutions.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

This position is supported in part by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the RTO/ERO Chair, and will provide a researcher with the opportunity to join an established multi-disciplinary group of health services researchers. The position will be supervised by Dr. Paula Rochon, Professor, Department of Medicine and the Institute of Health Policy and Management at the University of Toronto, and the RTO/ERO Chair in Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Rochon is one of the leading Canadian health-services researchers in geriatric medicine, whose research explores how medical therapies impact the health of older adults with multiple conditions. Her work has contributed substantively to three areas of focus that impact individual patients and healthcare systems: the need for evidence to provide information that is more relevant to older adults, the exploration of strategies to reduce adverse drug events and to optimize drug therapy, and very specifically the impact of widespread use of antipsychotic therapy in older people.

We are seeking an epidemiologist or health services researcher. This individual will play a key role in research designed to promote health and wellness in older women and men, with a particular emphasis on women. Much of the research will focus on using health administrative data to identify opportunities to improve the health of older women and men.

Description of the role

This fellowship opportunity provides funding for one year, with opportunity for renewal. Candidates are expected to:

- Lead the design, implementation and management of complex research studies, including research methodology and population-based data analysis;
- Work collaboratively with team members to explore challenges in the area of aging;
- Participate in the preparation of research reports, articles for publication, protocols, letters of intent, grant proposals and presentations;
- Disseminate research using traditional methods (publications, presentations) as well as exploring other more novel forums for communication to the RTO/ERO membership;
- Attend and contribute to regular team meetings.

Qualifications

- PhD or MD completed
- Expertise in epidemiology or health services research

- Clinical training in geriatric medicine and/or expertise in geriatric pharmacology an asset
- Research experience in academic environment
- Expertise in designing studies and analyzing quantitative data
- Experience with large administrative databases an asset
- Record of publications in peer reviewed journals an asset
- Exceptional organizational skills
- Exceptional writing and communication skills
- Excellent computer skills and software expertise.

Application Guidelines

Interested applicants to this program should submit:

1. Their CV and relevant reprints;
2. A letter summarizing their research interests, career plans, and future research goals;
3. A letter of recommendation from a supervisor.

For further information about the fellowship program, or to submit your application package, contact:

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