Position
Research Associate, Toronto General Hospital Research Institute, University Health Network
One-year contract with option for renewal
Full-time, 37.5 hours per week
All work will be conducted remotely/virtually

Project Title
Raising immigrant women’s awareness of physical activity and cancer prevention

Project Description
Physical activity (PA) can reduce the risk of developing many cancers. PA promotion as a means of cancer prevention is particularly crucial for high-risk groups such as immigrant women. Immigrant women, especially newcomers (<10 years in Canada), have far lower rates of PA compared to immigrant men and to non-immigrants. Immigrant women across ethno-cultural groups may also have differing PA needs and preferences. Insight is needed on how to promote the role of PA in reducing the risk of multiple types of cancer among newcomer immigrant women. Instead of exercise programs, interventions are needed further upstream to create awareness about the important role of PA in preventing cancer and the range of ways to achieve it. The goal of this study is to co-design and evaluate the feasibility and potential impact of a community-brokered, culturally-safe PA promotion intervention targeting newcomer immigrant women. This study is funded by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Research Associate (RA) Job Description
Working with the Principal Investigator and members of the research team (women research partners, community agencies, investigators), the RA will assist in coordinating development of the intervention design and implementation plan. This position will be relevant to recent graduate level students (MPH, MSc, or PhD) in a related discipline (e.g. Health Policy, Health Studies, Public Health) who are interested in women’s health and implementation science.

Study components include interviews with immigrant women and community agency managers about ideal intervention design, then evaluate impact of the intervention on PA knowledge, confidence and behaviour in immigrant women exposed and not exposed to the intervention. Tasks include: recruitment (e.g. acquiring and maintaining contact information, distributing invitations, tracking consent), data collection (e.g. scheduling interview dates, maintaining qualitative and quantitative data sets), data analysis (e.g. independent analysis by two or more individuals required for qualitative research), scheduling and organizing meetings, liaising with women research partners and communications (e.g. emailing monthly updates to the Research Team) and dissemination (e.g. manuscript preparation and submission). The RA will also assist in supervising summer students assigned to this study, and with periodic administrative and research tasks as they arise.

Qualifications
- MPH, MSc, or PhD in relevant discipline
- Knowledge and experience in searching for and synthesizing academic and grey literature
- Knowledge and experience in qualitative research methods
- Strong communication skills, written and verbal
- Strong organizational skills, especially setting priorities, managing time, attention to detail and accuracy
- Strong interpersonal skills for relationships with internal and external team members and research participants
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently (this position is remote/virtual)
- Previous experience working as a research assistant or coordinator for studies in relevant disciplines will be considered an asset

**Rate of pay**
To be determined, commensurate with research training and experience.

**Instructions to apply**
Please e-mail in a single PDF document: (1) cover letter, (2) resume and (3) one writing sample to madeline.theodorlis@uhn.ca by end of day on March 11, 2022. Please note applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Early submissions are highly recommended.

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.