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Fractured Families, Fractured Communities: Comparing the Lived Experiences of Temporary Foreign Workers and Indigenous People Relocating from Rural to Urban Areas, in Canada

### **CASUAL EMPLOYMENT**

Project Coordinator

**Dalla Lana School of Public Health  
University of Toronto**

#### ➤ **Project Description**

Global advanced capitalism and ongoing colonial practices are persistent drivers of displacement, within and across international borders. Over the past five hundred years, geographic displacement and social dislocation have been a constant in the collective experience of Indigenous Peoples, around the world. Today, the decline in traditional resource-based industries still push Indigenous people, particularly young people, to relocate to urban areas in search of work and educational opportunities, leaving behind families and communities. In parallel, the number of international economic migrants moving from low- and middle-income countries to Western Europe and North America continues to grow. Most of them are considered 'low-skilled workers' in receiving countries. The majority are Temporary Foreign Workers employed for a limited time on a work visa. They, too, leave families and communities behind. Focusing on the psychosocial effects of displacement, dislocation, and 'fractures,' or separation from family and communities, this project compares and contrasts the lived experiences of Indigenous People having to relocate from rural areas to Toronto and of 'low-skilled' TFWs working in the same city, exploring both intra and intergenerational psychosocial dimensions.

#### ➤ **Researchers**

- Andrea A. Cortinois (Principal Investigator, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto)
- Denise Gastaldo (Co-Investigator, Faculty of Nursing & Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto)
- Suzanne Stewart (Co-Investigator, Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto)
- Josephine Pui-Hing Wong (Co-Investigator, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, Ryerson University, and Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto)

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#### ➤ **Job Description**

The Project Coordinator will work with the research team to:

- Coordinate project activities on a day-to-day basis, including data generation activities, team meetings, data management, etc.
- Contribute to the maintenance of the project bibliographic collection
- Contribute to literature reviews
- Assist with data analysis
- Assist with the editing and preparation of reports, manuscripts, and conference presentations

This is a 10h/week casual employment opportunity offered for an initial period of six months, starting as early as possible in April 2022. Preference will be given to current doctoral students or recent doctoral graduates.

➤ **Required Skills**

We are looking for a mature, extremely well-organized, self-reliant, proactive, and energetic individual with strong oral and written communication skills, capacity to work as part of a team, and a demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas: migration, Indigenous health, global health, and equity in health. Previous experience working as a project or program facilitator/coordinator, theoretical and applied knowledge of qualitative research methods and, in particular, narrative inquiry, experience working in community-based settings with Indigenous People and/or Immigrants are all assets.

➤ **Compensation**

\$28-30 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay, depending on qualifications and experience.

➤ **How to Apply**

Please, email **as one document in PDF format** (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, including the names of two references, and (3) one writing sample to [a.cortinois@utoronto.ca](mailto:a.cortinois@utoronto.ca) **by Monday, April 18, 2022 at the end of the day**. Please, indicate 'SSHRC – Fracture Families – Project Coordinator' in the subject line. We thank in advance all applicants for their interest. However, only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview. Interviews will be conducted in early April.