



### **The Edwin S.H. Leong Chair in Child Policy Research**

The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), affiliated with the University of Toronto, is Canada's most research-intensive hospital and the largest centre dedicated to improving children's health in the country. As innovators in child health, SickKids improves the health of children by integrating care, research and teaching. The Edwin S. H. Leong Centre for Healthy Children (Leong Centre; <https://leongcentre.utoronto.ca/>) at the University of Toronto strives to promote child health equity, helping all children flourish. The Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH; <http://www.dlsp.utoronto.ca/>) is the most prominent School of Public Health in Canada, with a roster of over 800 students, and greater than \$27 million in annual research expenditures. It houses the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation, the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, major initiatives related to Healthy Cities, Big Data for Health, Clinical Public Health, partnerships with institutions throughout Toronto that comprise the largest health-science research complex in Canada, alliances with international partners and a central location in one of the most dynamic, multiethnic and cosmopolitan cities in the world.

In partnership with DLSPH, the Leong Centre and SickKids are seeking applications for the position of the **Edwin S.H. Leong Chair in Child Policy Research** by international leaders in policy research related to the well-being of children, youth and their families. The successful applicant will be mid-career Associate or Full Professor with an established program of research focused on evidence generation to inform and/or evaluate policies impacting child well-being. The Chairholder will lead their program of policy research at the Leong Centre, hold an appointment with the SickKids Research Institute and the DLSPH. The candidate is expected to play a prominent role in raising the profile of policy research focused on children and their families. It is envisioned that sixty per cent of the Chair's time will be spent at the Leong Centre/ SickKids Research Institute and forty per cent at DLSPH. The expectations of the Chair include growth of a successful independent research program, mentoring students/trainees, supervising graduate students, teaching at DLSPH, capacity-building & collaborating with interdisciplinary researchers and policymakers. The Chair will work closely with the Leong Centre Directors and the other research chair holders to advance Centre aims.

Resources from this Chair, which includes support from a \$3.5 million endowment, will include salary (commensurate with experience) and operating funds for the work of the Chair to fulfill the vision of Leong Centre: *Harnessing interdisciplinary research to promote the flourishing of every child and family*. Applications will be evaluated by a senior panel of members from SickKids, the DLSPH and the University, focused on the applicants' track record of leading successful child policy research.

If you are interested, please submit the following:

- your curriculum vitae;
- a two-page outline of your academic program (including research productivity, training activities, academic prominence and impact); and
- a description (maximum of 2 pages) of your future research and training vision to support inclusive excellence if you are the successful candidate.

SickKids is committed to maintaining a professional work environment of the highest quality and integrity. Applicants are the broader representation of the SickKids and University of Toronto communities and will portray an exemplary reputation professionally. Applicants must be aware of and abide by the Hospital and University's Code of Conduct, related policies and laws, including the University's Standards of Professional Behaviour for Clinical Faculty.

**Submissions to the Selections Committee must be sent electronically to:**

Dr. Lennox Huang, Vice President, Medical and Academic Affairs  
C/O Philip Christoff ([Philip.christoff@sickkids.ca](mailto:Philip.christoff@sickkids.ca))



**The deadline for the receipt of applications is August 19, 2022**

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.