Knowledge Mobilization Scientist

Enhancing the Prevention of Injury & Disability (EPID)@Work Research Institute

Department: EPID@Work Research Institute
Review of applications begins: ongoing until position is filled
Preferred Start Date: as soon as possible

Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Campus, invites applications for a Knowledge Mobilization (KM) Scientist at the EPID@Work Research Institute. This position is a limited term 3-year position with the possibility of renewal.

Lakehead University is a comprehensive, research-intensive university, founded in 1956, with a reputation for innovative programs and cutting-edge research. With 11 Canada Research Chairs, 338 full-time faculty members, 13 research centers, 38 graduate programs (over 1300 graduate students), and external research funding that has increased 62.5% in the last 15 years, Lakehead’s sustained development in research is clear. As a result, for five years in a row (2015 to 2019) Lakehead University was named Research University of the Year in Canada by Re$earch Infosource in our peer group category. Re$earch Infosource also ranked Lakehead first among undergraduate universities in Canada for our total amount of funding from non-profit partners for the period from 2013 to 2017.

The Senate-approved EPID@Work Research Institute is the injury and disability Research Institute for Northwestern Ontario. Established in 2018, the mandate of EPID@Work is to bring people together to reduce work-related injury and disability through collaborative applied research and provision of education to enhance knowledge related to injury and disability. The Institute recently became a partner with the Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development and holds a seat at the Ministry’s Prevention Research Partner’s Table. Information generated from our research informs practice and policies aiming to improve health and social outcomes in Northwestern Ontario and beyond.

The goals of the Institute are to 1) conduct, high-quality, community-based, transdisciplinary research in the areas of work-related injury and disability prevention, with a focus on issues relevant to Northwestern Ontario; 2) participate in, develop and evaluate integrated knowledge exchange approaches with community stakeholders and the greater research community participating in all phases of the research process; and 3) provide an exemplary training and experience opportunity for the next generation of community-based transdisciplinary researchers in Northwestern Ontario and beyond. The research foci of the EPID@Work Research Institute (mental health in the workplace; equity, diversity and inclusion; and knowledge mobilization and implementation) fit well into the university’s priority research areas: Cultures, Societies and Social Justice; First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Research; and Health and Well-Being.

The EPID@Work Research Institute is seeking a qualified candidate to design and conduct research on the societal impact of EPID@Work Research and evaluate Knowledge Mobilization operations within the Institute. The KM Scientist will build and evaluate partnership networks within the EPID@Work Research Institute in conjunction with the Knowledge Broker and Director. This position also assists the Knowledge Broker to design the EPIDTalks Speaker Series and promote delivery and acts as a back-up for the Prevention, Knowledge Exchange Group (PKEG) while assisting with stakeholder communications. The KM Scientist will design and lead Knowledge Mobilization and Implementation research relevant to the Institute. The KM Scientist will supervise an EPID@Work KM Researcher to assist on these research projects and work closely with the other members of the research team as they seek evaluation of knowledge mobilization efforts.
The candidate will have specialized training in knowledge translation, implementation and/or evaluation research, or a related field and be expected to hold educational training at a PhD level. They will demonstrate strong experience in evaluation (both qualitative and quantitative). The KMI Scientist will have exceptional organizational, interpersonal, oral and written skills, and have the ability to multi-task a variety of high priority duties and work under the pressure of deadlines while working independently. Strong, existing local networks with stakeholders relevant to the EPID@Work Research Institute is an asset.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a single PDF document containing a cover letter, resume, and the contact information of three professional references to:

Dr. Vicki Kristman  
Director, EPID@Work Research Institute  
Email: epid.hbsc@lakeheadu.ca

A completed Confirmation of Eligibility to Work in Canada form must accompany your package. Review of applications will begin on October 14, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. More information on the EPID@Work Research Institute is available at https://www.lakeheadu.ca/centre/epid.

Lakehead University is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals including women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Indigenous persons and persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Lakehead University is committed to an environment of open access to employment opportunities. Accommodations are available for all applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Human Resources at (807) 343-8334. We appreciate your interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be notified.