Requisition Title: Interim MPH in Indigenous Health Program Director
Job Field:
Faculty / Division: Dalla Lana School of Public Health
Department: Public Health, Dalla Lana School of
Campus: St. George (Downtown Toronto)
Job Posting: February 2, 2024
Job Closing: March 15, 2024

Description:

The MPH-Indigenous Health (MPHIH) Program Director works closely with the Indigenous Health Program Coordinator to oversee the MPH Indigenous program. The Interim MPHIH Program Director is responsible for the creation of a collegial atmosphere within the program that encourages the intellectual and professional development of students in the program. As a member of the faculty, the MPHIH Program Director is expected to teach two courses within the program.

The MPHIH Program Director will be expected to engage in scholarship related to Indigenous health; serving as a convener with excellent organizational skills, with the ability to bring a diverse coalition of stakeholders together while adhering to principles of self-determination, such as OCAP principles (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession); articulating a compelling interdisciplinary vision that is both broad and deep; serve as an effective enabler and team builder, able to motivate others; relating as an individual with strong interpersonal skills, a hands-on person who adds value, and a helpful colleague; being collaborative, not hierarchical; and being entrepreneurial – a program builder.

The MPHIH Program Director is expected to have experience with Indigenous land-based teaching and will be responsible for teaching two land-based intensive courses during the Summer 2024 term.

Summary of Responsibilities

1. Admissions
   • Develop a recruitment strategy for new applicants in line with enrolment targets and other strategic priorities, including: revision and development of the materials for the website; and development of other promotional materials with the Program Coordinator.
   • Advising prospective students
   • Establish and chair an Admissions committee to consider applicants
   • Hold online and in-person information sessions about the program throughout the year
   • Review applications and work with Graduate Office to access, review and make offers of admission to incoming students

2. Program
   • Monitor student experience and identify opportunities for improvement
   • Teach 2 graduate courses in a land-based format in the program
   • Hold Information Session for incoming students about what to expect when they go through the program and specific information about being at Hart House Farm.
3. Practica
• Evaluate placements
• Prepare students and preceptors for placements
• Provide recommendations to students about potential practicum placements
• Meet with new preceptors and partners to ensure that practicum placements are acceptable

4. Student Advising
• Provide mentorship to students, including advice on course selection and other program related matters, and professional and career development
• Provide recommendation letters for scholarships, awards, admissions, and job opportunities

5. Other
• Track students during program (monitor progress).
• Work closely with the other mph program directors on matters of mutual interest, including program core competencies, course offerings, and collaborations.
• Ensure adherence to SGS and school policies and procedures, through collaboration with the graduate coordinator
• Represent the program on departmental committees (including the graduate curriculum committee), contributing to graduate education in Public Health Science (PHS)

Preference will be given to candidates who self-identify as Indigenous. Recognizing that there are a variety of terms that potential candidates may use to self-identify, the University uses the term “Indigenous” in this search, which forms part of the University of Toronto’s response to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to encompass the people of Turtle Island, including those who identify as First Nations, Métis, Inuk (Inuit), Alaska Native, Native American, and Native Hawaiian people.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All interested candidates are invited to send their application to Associate Dean, Public Health Sciences, Carol Strike by email to: associatedeanphs.dlsph@utoronto.ca

Applications should include a letter of application stating your professional experience, and teaching dossier along with curriculum vitae. Two (2) professional references will also be required. If you have any questions about this position, please contact associatedeanphs.dlsph@utoronto.ca

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2024.