Job title: Research Assistant (Mixed Methods)

Department: Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS) at the Providence Health Care Research Institute (PHCRI)

Location: St. Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver, BC

Salary: Salary commensurate with experience

Desired Start Date: As soon as possible

Full/Part-time: Full time preferred; part time hours also a possibility depending on candidate

Term: The initial term of this role is expected to be at least one year in duration and renewable, should grant funding continue to be available

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

How to Apply: Interested candidates should email their resume with cover letter to hr@cheos.ubc.ca. Only applications following this process will be reviewed.

Equity and diversity are essential to research and academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or a person who identifies as First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous. CHÉOS welcomes a broad range of applicants and accommodations are available for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

Job Summary

Under the supervision of Dr. Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes, the Research Assistant (RA) will collaborate with a multidisciplinary team of researchers and health care providers conducting mixed methods studies on person-centered care in addictions treatment; specifically, injectable opioid agonist.

The RA works closely with CHÉOS staff including physicians, epidemiologists, research nurses, research coordinators and assistants, data managers, biostatisticians, graduate students and fellows.

Located at St. Paul’s Hospital, CHÉOS is an interdisciplinary collective founded to pursue excellence in
health outcomes research. In addition to conducting its own research, the Centre’s other primary function is to offer methodological expertise to other researchers, including assistance with study design, statistics, health economics, data management, and grant facilitation for both health outcomes research and clinical trials. The Centre consists of 75+ faculty members and 130-150 staff and research personnel.

Work Performed

- Facilitates, prepares and submits research protocols and materials for funding applications and multijurisdictional Research Ethics Board (REB) applications.
- Prepares data collection forms, study consent forms, and recruitment materials.
- Recruits, schedules and administers questionnaires and assessments to research participants.
- Contributes to qualitative study design including methodology, sampling, topic guide, data collection, and analysis.
- Conducts qualitative interviews and leads transcription and coding of interviews.
- Collaborates on results interpretation, writing, and final reporting (manuscript development).
- Participates in stakeholder and community engagement, and knowledge translation activities.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Supervision Received

Reports to Principal Investigator, Dr. Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes, works closely with other members of the research team.

Supervision Given

This position does not include supervision of other staff.

Consequence of Error/Judgement

A high level of judgment is needed in this position. Inadequate documentation, organization, communication and planning may adversely affect the image and reputation of CHÉOS, individual investigators, their respective faculties or PHCRI. Error would be associated with the loss of investigator productivity and the potential loss of grant funding.

Working Conditions

The applicant will be working in CHÉOS, located at St. Paul’s Hospital as well as the field research office located in the downtown eastside, Vancouver, BC. Appropriate work space will be provided at either site.

Qualifications

- A Master’s degree involving qualitative research methods or the equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Outstanding teamwork abilities.
- Ability to work well independently and with a multidisciplinary team.
- Demonstrated interest in public health, person-centered care and substance use and addictions research.
- Enthusiastic disposition in bringing innovation to addictions research.
• Flexibility to adapt to clients’ and clinical team needs.
• An understanding of research and research ethics.
• Experience conducting qualitative interviews, focus groups, and analyzing qualitative data.
• Experience working with quantitative data within mixed methods studies.
• A patient and tolerant disposition; this is essential for navigating challenging interviews and interactions.
• Proficient computer skills (e.g. Excel) and use of NVivo or other software for qualitative data analysis.
• Excellent communication skills.
• Excellent writing skills.
• Cultural safety certification or training an asset.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.