

## **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Addiction Measurement and Epidemiology**

With the support of the Norlien Foundation, The University of Alberta and the University of Calgary have jointly established a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship position in the area of the measurement and epidemiology of addiction problems. The main goal of this program of research is to develop and validate a new brief population-based screening tool to assess a broad spectrum of problematic addictive behaviours. Ultimately, the tool will be used in a surveillance context to estimate the prevalence of addictive problems in the general population and in selected special populations. This program of research is also expected to contribute to the scholarly literature on the conceptualization and classification of addictions.

The successful applicant will work closely with and provide leadership to project staff, engage in oversight of primary data collection activities using both quantitative and qualitative methods, undertake data analysis and manuscript writing, contribute to knowledge dissemination, and participate in the training and mentorship of graduate students. Complementary datasets will be made available for analysis and publishing purposes. This position presents an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary training to develop a unique combination of skills in the areas of measurement, epidemiology, and theory as they relate to addiction.

Applications are invited from recent PhD graduates for this two year position. The salary range is \$45,000 - \$55,000 per annum. Applicants will have an excellent academic record, a beginning record of publication, and a research program development plan that would be highly competitive in provincial and national funding competitions for postdoctoral awards. The postdoctoral fellow will function as a junior investigator, participating fully in research and related scholarly activities and will be encouraged, and receive guidance to apply for, independent salary and research funding. The position will include mentorship from faculty members in the University of Calgary's Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry, and the University of Alberta's School of Public Health, with opportunities to split the residency between the two institutions.

Applicants must hold a doctorate degree or equivalent before the start of the fellowship, but not necessarily when applying. Applicants would preferably be available to start the fellowship by May 1, 2011.

Interested applicants from psychology, other social sciences, epidemiology, psychiatry, population health, or public health should submit an application consisting of a cover letter and a curriculum vitae to:

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