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Postdoctoral Fellowship in Building Resilience with Children & Youth

Host Institution: O.U.C.H. Lab, Department of Psychology, York University

Co-Sponsor: Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada

Supervisor: Dr. Rebecca Pillai Riddell, CPsych, FCAHS

Term: 2-years, Full-time

Compensation: Dependent on experience

Position Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada (virtual position can be negotiated but some travel will be required)

Application Deadline Date: April 30th or until an appropriate candidate is found

Position Description: In partnership with Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada (SMSK), we are looking to hire a Postdoctoral Fellow to lead a meta-analysis or systematic review of research looking at mental health promotion programs with a focus on children and youth. The successful candidate will need to be able to create and execute the search, lead extraction (with a team of junior trainees and faculty), and conduct preliminary analyses by Fall 2024. The analysis will review mental health promotion programs or interventions for children and youth in general that can mitigate mental health issues or the need for services and interventions throughout one's lifespan. In addition, specific analyses on programs developed for traditionally marginalized socio-economic and cultural groups will be one area of focus. Other smaller research projects will be assigned based on the successful candidate's interest and future goals. Teaching (e.g., course directorship at York University) or clinical (e.g., Supervised Practice for the College of Psychologists of Ontario) opportunities could be integrated based on the candidate's preferences. Candidates will also support a national network of child and youth mental health experts both inside and outside of academia to build up their leadership, dissemination, and advocacy skills.

Qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, Medicine, Rehabilitation Sciences, or a related field by start date of fellowship.
- Motivated to commit to a multi-year project is required (minimum 2 -year commitment)
- Strong publication record demonstrating leadership in peer-reviewed journals
- Leadership experience with systematic reviews and/or meta-analysis
- Interest in advocacy for equity and inclusion in mental health
- Ability to start as soon as possible (ideally on or before May 1st, 2024)

Submission Instructions:

Please submit an application package to divert@yorku.ca including:

- Cover letter (no more than 1 page that clearly addresses the qualifications listed above and interest in project)
- CV with names of 3 academic references that we can contact
- 2 sample publications (preferably at least one is a meta-analysis or systematic review)
- Academic Transcripts (graduate and undergraduate; unofficial is fine)

Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada

Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada has decades of experience building capacity with the significant adults in a child's life to support and promote their mental health. We are Canada's most networked mental health and resilience-based organization offering primary prevention programs for close to 50 years. We have a history of developing and delivering psychology and evidence-based programs and resources that nurture resilience in children giving them a solid foundation of mental health before problems or issues begin. As a partner in DIVERT, our hope is that we can better serve the diverse communities in which we support.

DIVERT Mental Health

The **D**iverse, **I**nclusive, **V**irtual, **E**quitable, **R**esearch **T**raining Platform in Mental Health ([DIVERT Mental Health](#)) is a pan-university, transdisciplinary bilingual health research training platform dedicated to disrupting the mental health system by re-imagining how mental health care for children, youth and families is being conceptualized within academic programs and communities of practice in Canada. Funded by a multi-million dollar investment from CIHR and led by Nominated Principal Investigator Dr. Rebecca Pillai Riddell (York U) and 8 other principal investigators across the country (Drs Allison Crawford [CAMH, UofT], Annette Majnemer [McGill], Lori Wozney [IWK Health], Amanda Newton [UofA], Patrick McGrath [Dalhousie, IWK Health], Quynh Doan [UBC, BCCHRI], Rita Orji [Dalhousie], and Ruth Green [York U]), DIVERT Mental Health sets out to disrupt the mental health system by re-envisioning mental health training, research, and practice dedicated to integrating diverse knowledges and technology.