



The Aging, Community and Health Research Unit
Post-Doctoral Fellowship in System Navigation

Introduction

A two-year Post Doctoral Fellowship is available in the Aging, Community and Health Research Unit (ACHRU), School of Nursing, under the leadership of Dr. Ruta Valaitis, Associate Professor, Co-Director ACHRU, and Dorothy C. Hall Chair in Primary Health Care; and Dr. Carrie McAiney, Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences and Co-Principal Investigator, ACHRU. ACHRU is focused on working together with older adults with multiple chronic conditions and their family caregivers to promote optimal aging at home. The Unit is funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and is located within the School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. McMaster University is ranked as one of the top 100 Universities in the world. The research-intensive environment at McMaster will provide the postdoctoral fellow with the opportunity to be part of an interdisciplinary team pursuing leading-edge research to improve care for older adults living in the community.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Drs. Carrie McAiney and Ruta Valaitis are offering a two-year Post Doctoral fellowship to develop new knowledge in system navigation and implementation in primary care and care transition studies. The Post Doctoral Fellow will gain knowledge in interprofessional practice and exploring system navigation among health professionals and lay persons (e.g., patients, volunteers and family caregivers) and teams. The Post Doctoral Fellow will also explore factors that influence sustainability and scale-up of system navigation in primary care and care transition programs. Scholarship funding will focus on system navigation, specifically, (1) exploring roles and functions of formal and informal system navigators; and (2) providing support in interviewing and analyzing data collected from health professionals and lay persons, including patients, family caregivers and volunteers, regarding their perspectives on system navigation.

The Post Doctoral Fellow will gain research experience in recruitment of research participants, collection of both qualitative and quantitative data, data analysis, manuscript preparation and knowledge translation.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to tailor the fellowship experience to meet individualized learning needs, further develop research knowledge and skills, and establish their own program of research. The fellowship offers opportunities for:

- Mentorship and training
- Participation as a co-investigator on provincial / national research teams
- Support for grant writing
- Development and submission of manuscripts for publication
- Co-tutoring and / or teaching undergraduate / graduate courses

Terms

The fellowship is a two-year full-time position with an annual salary of \$60,000. The preferred start date for the award is October 1, 2017 (although this date is negotiable). A \$5,000 professional development allowance, during your appointment, will be provided to the successful candidate.

Requirements

Eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- The fellowship is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada at the time of application
- Completion of a PhD or equivalent in Nursing or a related health research discipline within the last five (5) years. Students currently enrolled in a doctoral program must provide proof of eligibility for completion of all aspects of their work prior to starting the position
- Experience with research design and skill in qualitative methods and / or mixed-methods
- Demonstrate a strong interest and background in aging research
- Preference will be given to applications who are able to participate full-time for onsite research training and activities in Hamilton
- Have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle

Application

The completed online application package must include the following components:

- A cover letter that includes a brief outline of Fellowship goals and their relevance to ACHRU
- An up-to-date CV that includes all peer reviewed publications and presentations

*****Please note*** Only those elected for an interview will be contacted**