

JOB POSTING

Post-Doctoral Fellow

We invite applications for a Post-Doctoral Fellowship with a large, multi-stakeholder mixed methods evaluation of Prescribed Safer Supply (PSS) in BC.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Provincial PSS evaluation is a mixed methods study investigating the implementation and impacts of PSS in BC. The study's focus is on determining the extent to which the [Provincial PSS Policy Directive](#) (released July 2021) is meeting its stated goals to decrease drug-related harms within BC communities and provide access to PSS programs and other services in a culturally-safe manner. The project is led by researchers based at the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR) at the University of Victoria, in partnership with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS) at Simon Fraser University. The study is conducted in close collaboration with people with lived/living experience of substance use and the BC Centre for Disease Control.

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We are inviting applications for a full-time Post-Doctoral Fellow to support the project, with a focus on qualitative data collection/analysis and integration of findings across project components. The Fellow will be supervised by Dr. Bernie Pauly (Co-Principal Investigator) and will collaborate with a large, multi-institutional team of investigators including community groups and people with lived/living experience of substance use. Responsibilities will include: coordinating and conducting qualitative interviews, working with peer research associates and other partners, qualitative data analysis, grant writing, manuscript development, and giving conference presentations. The successful applicant may also supervise undergraduate or graduate research assistants associated with the project. Opportunities will be available for independent research within the scope of the work on emerging models of safer supply.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate will have: a recent PhD (or be close to finishing their PhD) in Nursing, Public Health, Social Work, or a related discipline; familiarity with harm reduction principles; experience working with people with lived/living experience of substance use; and experience conducting qualitative research. Assets include: experience with Implementation Science and/or Policy Evaluation; familiarity with substance use services and health planning processes; and experience working with Indigenous communities.

SALARY AND HOURS:

This is a full-time contract position (35 hours/week). The successful candidate will be provided with office space in CISUR at the University of Victoria, located on the traditional territories of the lək'wəḡən Peoples including the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ Nations, with hybrid work-from-home flexibility. Funding for this position is guaranteed for one year at a salary of \$70,000 (excluding benefits). It is expected that the successful applicant will apply for post-doctoral fellowships through Tri-Council, UVic, and others. Application support will be provided by the Co-Principal Investigators.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants should forward a CV and cover letter to Jenny Cartwright, CISUR Research Manager (jlcartwright@uvic.ca). Only those selected for interviews will be contacted. Thank you for your interest!