

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), the Centre for Advancing Health Outcomes, and 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 2-year Post-Doctoral Fellowship (funded), under the supervision of Dr. Karen Urbanoski (Principal Investigator and Canada Research Chair). The successful candidate will work closely with the project team and partners to model outcomes of prescribed safer supply and develop indicators for regional monitoring and surveillance efforts. Responsibilities include conducting longitudinal data analysis and supporting linkage with administrative health data; engaging with people who use drugs, regional health authorities, and provincial partners around data collection and indicator reporting; and supporting the team of principal investigators with reporting and knowledge exchange. Opportunities will be available for independent research related to safer supply and substance use services, grant writing, publishing, and attending conferences. While the fellowship is funded, the successful candidate will be expected to apply for competitive external fellowships (through CIHR and other sources).

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidate will have completed a PhD or PhD-equivalent degree within the last 3 years (or be expecting to complete within the next year) in Public Health, Epidemiology, or a related discipline. Additional requirements include familiarity with harm reduction and principles of data governance, and advanced statistical training. Assets include experience with implementation science and/or policy evaluation, and experience collaborating with people who use drugs. The successful candidate will be competitive for external post-doctoral fellowship funding.

SALARY AND HOURS:

The successful candidate will be provided with office space in CISUR at the University of Victoria, located on the traditional territories of the lək'wəŋən Peoples including the Songhees, Esquimalt, and W̱SÁNEĆ Nations, with hybrid work-from-home flexibility. Applicants (within Canada) who are unable to relocate to Victoria will be considered. Salary will be \$70,000 (plus benefits).

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!