Postdoctoral Position
Seniors – Adding Life to Years (SALTY) Project
a Pan-Canadian research initiative examining end of life in long term care

Examing Policy Context

The purpose of the Seniors – Adding Life to Years (SALTY) research project is to add quality to late life for older adults living in long term care facilities and for their caregivers, including family, friends, staff and volunteers who support their care. To accomplish this, the project uses a health services mix-methods approach with activities organized through four interrelated research themes: Monitoring Care Practices; Mapping Care Relationships; Evaluating Innovative Practice; and Examining Policy Context.

The four-year project, launched in April 2016, is funded through a Team Late Life Issues Grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) with partner funding from the Michael Smith Foundation of Health Research, the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada. A team of 50+ established and emerging researchers, decision makers, clinicians and resident and caregiver representatives is conducting the project at sites in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia. Dr. Janice Keefe, PhD, Chair/Professor of Family Studies and Gerontology, Mount Saint Vincent University, is leading this multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral team which uses an integrated knowledge translation model to privilege the voices of those who will be most influenced by the work. For more information visit www.SALTYltc.ca.

The project is seeking applications for a postdoctoral position to support the policy context research theme for the remainder of the project until March 2020, with the possibility of extension dependent on funding.

This fellowship will directly support activities examining policies that inform promising approaches in long-term care which may include: analysis of relevant policies, knowledge translation, preparation of key project deliverables (manuscripts and conference presentations) and grant development. The fellowship will be under the academic supervision of Dr. Janice Keefe located at Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax. The successful candidate will work closely with Dr. Keefe and Co-Lead Investigators, Dr. Deanne Taylor, Director of Research, Interior Health, BC and Heather Cook, Director, Systemic Review and Research, Office of the Seniors Advocate, BC.

Applications are invited from PhD graduates for this position to start as soon as possible. Applicants will have an excellent academic record, training with qualitative research methodologies, and a publication record for their level of career. The successful applicant will have strong interpersonal and organizational abilities and excellent written and oral communication skills. Research interest in the area of policy analysis and/or long term care is an asset. The incumbent will participate fully in research and related scholarly activities, and is expected to work closely and cooperatively with the research team.

Interested applicants from the social sciences, health and other relevant disciplines should submit an application consisting of a cover letter and a curriculum vitae to the SALTY Project Manager, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax NS B3M 2J6 (SALTY@msvu.ca) (phone 902-457-6235; fax 902-457-6226). Applications are being accepted immediately and will be received until a suitable candidate is found.

Mount Saint Vincent University is strongly committed to fostering diversity and inclusion within our community and encourages applications from all qualified candidates including women, persons of any sexual orientations and gender identities and/or expressions, Indigenous persons, African Canadians, other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, and other groups that would contribute to the diversification of our campus. Candidates who identify as being from any of these groups are encouraged to voluntarily self-identify in their application materials. All qualified candidates are welcome to apply; however, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. We thank you for your interest in employment at the Mount and advise that only those candidates invited to an interview will be contacted.