Postdoctoral Fellowship – 2 year term position
Manitoba Primary & Integrated Health Care Innovative Network (MPN) ¹
A Canadian Institute for Health Research’s SPOR Initiative

Position Summary
We are seeking an ambitious, highly motivated, organized, and results-driven postdoctoral candidate to join our MPN team. The ideal person enjoys collaborating with both internal and external stakeholders, and comes with experience and an interest in the field of patient engaged health research. The position is an opportunity to develop a program of research concerning patient engaged research within the context of primary health care. Scholarly activities during the post-doctoral position will aim to support MPN’s commitment to nurturing patient engaged research. Examples of activities are: conducting primary or secondary research, publications, collaborating with various international, national and local stakeholders, and supporting CIHR SPOR grant competition proposal development. In collaboration with the two supervisors, Dr. Annette Schultz (MPN Research Lead) and Dr. Gayle Halas (MPN Director), the candidate will be supported to develop a study focused on patient engaged research, which will aim to strengthen patient engaged conceptualization and strategies within the network. We also propose organizing a patient engaged think tank early in the tenure of this position, which will produce at least two publications: one regarding a research agenda and the other outlining key principles for patient engaged research.

Required Qualifications (Education and Skills):
- Completed (or near completion) of a relevant doctoral degree no more than four years prior to applying to the Fellowship
- Doctoral degree within health related fields, such as nursing, rehab medicine, family medicine, public health, epidemiology, health economics, health services research, health policy, or other health related fields
- Demonstrated research experience with conducting systematic review and/or qualitative synthesis, and a variety of qualitative, quantitative and/or mixed methods research approaches

¹ MPN Background: The pan-Canadian SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCIN) is a key CIHR initiative under the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research and the Community-Based Primary Health Care Signature Initiative. CIHR’s Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR) initiative conceptualized a research structure comprised of a Network of Networks who would facilitate and cultivate research teams to respond to specific primary and integrated health care innovation funding calls. Within this initiative, the Manitoba Primary and Integrated Healthcare Innovation Network (MPN) developed with infrastructure funding provided by CIHR and Research Manitoba starting in June 2015. This funding is administered through the Department of Family Medicine.

The overall goal of these networks is to support evidence-informed transformation and delivery of more cost-effective primary and integrated healthcare to improve patient experience and health, health equity, and health system outcomes for individuals with and at risk of developing complex health needs. The Manitoba SPOR PIHCI Network (MPN) will build capacity for patient-oriented research and support knowledge exchange by bringing together a breadth of expertise from clinicians, policy makers, and researchers, and will work with other research networks across Canada. This combined effort will foster and support opportunities for innovative work toward goals with significant and sustained impact on the health of the population, patient experience, and system sustainability.
• Canadian citizens, permanent Canadian resident or citizens of other countries
• Demonstrated experience and research interest in the scholarship of patient engaged research strategies and approaches
• Demonstrated capacity for research and scholarly productivity; includes excellent academic achievement with peer reviewed publications and provincial or national scholarship awards
• Evidence of strong critical thinking ability and problem solving skills
• Excellent oral and written English communication skills
• Comfortable with working independently and in collaboration with others
• Superior organizational and time management skills, with the ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines

Position Details:
• Salary $60,000/year and a comprehensive benefits package.
  Funding up to $25,000/year is available for research related expenses and/or a research assistant, of which up to $5000 can be used for conference or training travel.
• Start Date: January 2018 or as negotiated
• Term: Two year term, with the possibility to extend for one year
• Location and Supervisors: The Department of Family Medicine (Bannatyne Campus) at the University of Manitoba
  • Supervisors: Dr. Annette Schultz, Associate Professor with the College of Nursing and the Department of Family Medicine, and Dr. Gayle Halas, Assistant Professor with the Department of Family Medicine

Application Details:
• Send a cover letter summarizing your qualifications and research interests, a detailed CV, and an English reprint of your most significant publication or manuscript related to the field of patient engaged health research. Please also provide three academic/professional references (including contact information) to Dr. Gayle Halas at gayle.halas@umanitoba.ca. In the email subject line write: Post-Doc Opportunity in Patient Engaged Research with MPN
• The University of Manitoba is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from women, members of racialized communities, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

• Closing Date: Applications will be October 20, 2017 (or until the position has been filled).

We thank all applicants for their interest but only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the protection of privacy provision of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (Manitoba). Please note that curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process.