



## POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN CARDIAC PSYCHOLOGY

### Division of Prevention & Rehabilitation

University of Ottawa Heart Institute

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The University of Ottawa Heart Institute is Canada's largest and foremost cardiovascular health centre dedicated to understanding, treating and preventing heart disease. Investigators in the Division of Prevention & Rehabilitation have a unique array of initiatives and programmes with a particular emphasis on innovative approaches to prevention (primary and secondary) and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

This fellowship offers the opportunity to gain and contribute knowledge to the area of cardiac psychology. This postdoctoral fellowship is ideally suited to an early-career Clinical Psychologist who wishes to pursue a career path as a Clinician-Scientist. As such, the fellow would be involved in research and clinical work (approximately 50/50). Supervision for licensure with the College of Psychologists of Ontario is available in the following competency areas: Clinical, Health, Rehabilitation and Neuropsychology. Current research projects include: 1) Neurocognitive and Quality of Life Outcomes After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA); 2) Flexible and Extended Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) as compared to fixed-dose NRT for smoking cessation; 3) Healing Hearts Together – a intervention for couples coping with heart disease; and, other various projects in behavioural medicine and mental health (e.g., depression and anxiety among patients with implantable cardioverter defibrillators; psychosocial triage in cardiac rehabilitation; exercise and quality of life among patients with atrial fibrillation). It is expected that the successful candidate will assume responsibility for the preparation and publication of manuscripts as well as assist in the submission of research grant applications. Opportunities to collaborate with highly respected clinicians and scientists in our division, at our facility, and the greater Ottawa area is also available. The fellow may obtain additional support from our Research Services Department and Cardiovascular Methods Centre. Potential clinical activities include: 1) providing psychological assessment and treatment to patients attending various clinics at UOHI such as cardiac rehabilitation, heart failure, heart transplant and ventricle assist device, electrophysiology, and adult congenital; 2) conducting a standardized neuropsychological assessment battery with participants of the OHCA study (above); and training and consulting with UOHI staff regarding psychological issues to enhance patient care. Supervision of clinical and research trainees may be possible. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in training and educational activities (e.g., grand and prevention and rehabilitation rounds, clinical trials). The fellow will be a member of the Psychology Department at The Ottawa Hospital, joining 30 Psychology staff that are actively involved in clinical service, research, teaching and training.

The position is a one-year fellowship that may be renewed contingent on funding. The stipend is commensurate with experience (range \$55 000 - \$65 000 CAD per year), and includes 3 weeks paid holidays and paid statutory holidays. The fellow may also become a member of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and access travel grants, campus health services, sport and library services, and purchase supplemental health and dental insurance.

The successful candidate will possess:

- A Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology (completed or near-completion)
- Previous research experience within a team environment
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- A strong understanding of clinical research design, research methodology and data analysis
- Advanced statistical training and knowledge of statistical software packages
- Previous experience analyzing datasets
- Evidence of experience in preparation and publication of manuscripts; strong technical writing skills
- Excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office, ReferenceManager, EndNote, SPSS)
- Ability to take guided initiative and to work in an organized fashion within a fast-paced environment, including flexibility in shifting between independent and collaborative work
- Demonstrated collegiality, professionalism and interpersonal skills

- Previous experience in health psychology and/or neuropsychology an asset

For further information, please contact Dr. Heather Tulloch ([hetulloch@ottawaheart.ca](mailto:hetulloch@ottawaheart.ca)). Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and names & contact information of three referees to Dr. Tulloch by May 4, 2015. Applications will be reviewed as received until the position is filled. Start date is negotiable; preferred start date is September, 2015.

*Accommodations will be provided in all parts of the hiring process relating to any specialty requirements. Applicants should make their needs known in advance.*