

## Postdoctoral Associate Position (1-year term)

***A Postdoctoral Associate position is currently available for a one-year period (with the possibility of extension) in the Social Justice in Mental Health Research Lab in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Western University under the supervision of Dr. Carrie Anne Marshall.*** Candidates holding a PhD. in a social or health sciences discipline are invited to apply. Note that this position is a full-time posting. This position will be situated in London, Ontario, with the potential for occasional travel to other Ontario locations. During COVID-19, work will occur remotely.

This position will offer an opportunity to build upon one's research skills in the context of two participatory studies aimed at identifying ways of supporting individuals living with mental illness and/or substance use challenges to "thrive" following homelessness.

1. **Study 1** is led by Dr. Carrie Anne Marshall and is currently underway. This study involves working with a range of stakeholders to co-design a model aimed at more effectively supporting persons with experiences of homelessness and mental illness/substance use challenges to "thrive" following homelessness in two Ontario cities. Involvement in this project will include:
  - Participating in the analysis of photo-elicitation data
  - Participating in the engagement of stakeholders in community agencies in two urban contexts
  - Collaborating on the development of a grant application aimed at piloting a model of support aimed at enabling "thriving" following homelessness
2. **Study 2** is focused on the development of a measure of "thriving" for individuals who are leaving homelessness and is led by Dr. Carrie Anne Marshall and Dr. Skye Barbic (UBC). This project has been recently initiated. Involvement in this project will include:
  - Developing and maintaining the ethics application for the study
  - Collaborating on the design of focus group interviews
  - Participating in the development of an initial scale and refining it in collaboration with researchers with expertise in homelessness, mental health, and measurement science
  - Recruiting participants for focus groups
  - Conducting focus group interviews with a range of stakeholder groups
  - Collaborating on the analysis of focus group interviews

### ***Applicants must demonstrate some or all the following competencies:***

- A record of participant recruitment
- Experience in community development and/or community engagement strategies
- Knowledge of mental illness and substance use disorders, and demonstrated experience in interacting with individuals living with such challenges
- Experience using qualitative research methods and conducting qualitative interviews
- Use of qualitative data management (Dedoose or NVivo) and survey software (Qualtrics)
- Knowledge or experience in using community-based participatory research (CBPR) and arts-based methods
- Knowledge of measurement theory and strategies for developing psychometric scales
- Grant writing experience

### ***This position will provide the following opportunities:***

- Expanding one's research publication record
- Development of research expertise in participatory methods including arts-based qualitative approaches and measurement science
- Building upon existing research networks
- Deepening one's knowledge of poverty and homelessness, and how these intersect with mental health and substance use
- Developing an independent program of research related to the objectives of the aforementioned studies

***This position will begin on May 1, 2021, and end on April 30, 2022. Interested applicants should forward a copy of their research CV and a cover letter describing their competencies related to this position by 5pm on April 1, 2021 to [carrie.marshall@uwo.ca](mailto:carrie.marshall@uwo.ca) . Any questions about salary, benefits or other aspects of this position can be forwarded using the contact info below:***

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