



Postdoctoral Position

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

Examining 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 is organized by four interrelated research themes: Monitoring Care Practices; Mapping Care Relationships; Evaluating Implementation EoL Palliative Practice in LTC; and Examining Policy Context. **We are seeking a candidate for a Postdoctoral fellowship to support the policy context theme of the project.**

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, Nova Scotia, is leading this multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral team. The project uses a health services research design with multiple methods and an integrated knowledge translation model to privilege the voices of those who will be most influenced by the work. For more information on the project visit www.SALTYtc.ca.

This fellowship will directly support activities examining policies that inform promising approaches in long-term care. The successful candidate will support policy analysis, knowledge translation, dissemination (manuscripts, presentations) and grant development. The fellowship will be under the academic supervision of Dr. Janice Keefe, the Project Scientific Lead and Lead Investigator of the policy study theme. The successful candidate will work closely with the other 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. This fellowship may be located at either Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax or Interior Health, Kelowna, 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 policy analysis, familiarity with multiple methods 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. The incumbent will participate fully in research and related scholarly activities, and is expected to work closely and cooperatively with the policy context study team and full project 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 committed to the principles of employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified candidates including women, aboriginal persons, other racially visible persons, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, priority will be given to Canadians 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.