



## Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Early Childhood Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre

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The Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre (ECCRC) is seeking a *Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Early Childhood*. The Centre conducts research to enhance early childhood well-being. In addition to research, ECCRC has three objectives: 1) to evaluate the implementation of early childhood policy strategies on practice and child well-being, 2) to collaboratively mobilize knowledge and experiences for and with marginalised families to inform policy and practice, and 3) to foster and evaluate the use of an engaged scholarship approach in early childhood research. The goal of the ECCRC is to ensure policy and practice are in place to support families across different early learning environments.

The successful applicant will report to Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac, Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Early Childhood: Diversity and Transitions. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work closely with Dr. McIsaac and complement her research program in early childhood. This position will primarily focus on a research project exploring the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic on families with young children. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with the team on the ongoing research protocol, support the development of peer-reviewed publications and assist in preparing future grant applications. The Postdoctoral Fellow will also be encouraged to conduct independent research and apply for further fellowship awards (e.g., CIHR or SSHRC Fellowships). Teaching is not a requirement of this position, but can be pursued beyond the position's responsibilities.

Given the current global pandemic and limits to travel, an expectation that the successful candidate will be working from home with usual office hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Atlantic time). Mount Saint Vincent University campus access depends on current public health guidance.

### **Qualifications:**

- Completed Ph.D. at the time of appointment in Education, Health, or related field.
- Demonstrated knowledge and an emerging scholarly profile in one or more of the following fields: Early Childhood, Child and Youth Study, Health Promotion, Public Health, Human Development, Family Studies or related field.
- Emerging track record of peer-reviewed academic publications and conference presentations.

- Proven ability to analyze quantitative data using analysis of variance, regression models, and advanced modelling techniques in SPSS. Competence with additional analytics tools considered an asset.
- Experience with qualitative data analysis and related software (e.g. MAXQDA or NVIVO).
- Aptitude for designing and implementing research protocols, including fieldwork (surveys, focus groups, and interviews).
- Demonstrated ability to work both collaboratively and independently, developing grant applications, carrying out research projects, and writing publications.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

**Salary Range:** \$50,000/year

**Preferred Start Date:** January 11, 2021; however, a later start date can be negotiated.

**Duration of appointment:** 6-month virtual appointment, with the possibility of renewal

**The Centre will begin considering applications:** November 27, 2020

The position will remain open until filled.

Interested parties should forward a letter of application describing their interest in and suitability for the position, an academic CV, a writing sample/publication, and contact information for three references in a **single PDF** to:

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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 all candidates for their application but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.