



Research Associate in Early Childhood Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre

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The Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre (ECCRC) is seeking a Research Associate 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 Research Associate will work closely with Dr. McIsaac and complement her research program in early childhood. This position will primarily focus on a research project exploring stories of program quality in the Nova Scotia Pre-primary Program. The Research Associate will work with the team on the research protocol, including facilitating workshops with early childhood educators enable them to record and reflect on how numeracy and literacy are supported within the Pre-primary Program through pedagogical documentation. The Research Associate will also be encouraged to conduct independent research and apply for further training awards if applicable (e.g., CIHR or SSHRC Doctoral Award or Fellowships). Teaching is not a requirement of this position, but can be pursued beyond the position's responsibilities.

Qualifications:

- Completion of a relevant Master's degree in Child and Youth Study or a related field is required. In progress or completion of a Ph.D. is an asset.
- Demonstrated knowledge of early learning and child care provincial initiatives in Canada. Familiarity with Nova Scotia early childhood policy initiatives such as the Pre-primary Program and the Nova Scotia's Early Learning Curriculum Framework is an asset.
- Competence in facilitating group discussions, training and/or workshops, ideally with early

childhood educators.

- Experience with qualitative data analysis and related software (e.g. MAXQDA or NVIVO).
- Demonstrated ability to work both collaboratively and independently, develop grant applications, carry out research projects, write publications, reports, and other deliverables.
- Competence with basic administrative functions, virtual meeting platforms and Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams).
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Bilingual in the French language is an asset (please identify in the cover letter).

Classification: 8 month-term contract, 20-35 hours/week, some evening work required, flexible virtual work environment possible

Pay Scale: \$22-\$25 per hour, plus fringe benefits

Preferred Start Date: Negotiable, ideally by October 2021

Deadline for application: August 27, 2021

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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