Postdoctoral fellow
Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre

Inspired by a strong tradition of social responsibility and an enduring commitment to the advancement of women, Mount Saint Vincent University promotes academic excellence and the pursuit of knowledge. Mount Saint Vincent University is committed to recruiting exceptional and diverse scholars and is recognized as a leader in applied research.

The Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre (ECCRC) is seeking a *Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Early Childhood Nutrition* to support the project, CELEBRATE Feeding! (**C**oaching in **E**arly **L**earning **E**nvironments to **B**uild a **R**esponsive **A**pproach **t**o **E**ating and **Feeding).** CELEBRATE Feeding is co-led by Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac (Associate Professor and Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Early Childhood: Diversity and Transitions) with the ECCRC at Mount Saint Vincent University in collaboration with Dr. Misty Rossiter (Professor in Applied Human Sciences) at the University of Prince Edward Island.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will work closely with Dr. McIsaac and Dr. Rossiter to support the execution of a recently funded Project Grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research called, *Fostering joyful eaters through CELEBRATE Feeding*. The role of the Postdoctoral Fellow will be to manage data collection and analysis for an implementation-effectiveness trial in child care programs, including budgeting, mentorship of students, research ethics, and communications. This position is ideal for a candidate with an interest in building skills in policy-focused and implementation science research to support a future career in academia, non-profit, or government. The successful candidate will receive opportunities for training and professional development, as well as contributions for scholarly publications. The Postdoctoral Fellow 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.

This is a full-time (35 hours/week) on-campus position at Mount Saint Vincent University, but there is flexibility for some remote work within usual office hours from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Atlantic time).

Qualifications:

- Completion or near completion of PhD at the time of appointment in Nutrition, Early Childhood, Health, Education or related field.
- Demonstrated knowledge with early learning and child care policy initiatives in Canada, including in the Atlantic region.
- Experience with research trial designs and mixed methods research, including quantitative and qualitative data analysis and related software (e.g. SPSS, MAXQDA or NVIVO).
- Proven ability to analyze quantitative data using analysis of variance, regression models, and advanced modelling techniques.

- Knowledge of research administration, including grant proposals, ethics, and budgeting.
- Experience with knowledge mobilization, including partnership development and dissemination activities.
- Demonstrated ability to work both collaboratively and independently, developing grant applications, carrying out research projects, writing 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, demonstrated through published scholarly works
- Holds a valid Canadian driver's license and access to a vehicle.
- Bilingual in the French language is an asset (please identify in cover letter).

Salary Range: $60,000 - $70,000/year, plus benefits

Preferred Start Date: February 1st 2027

Duration of appointment: 18 months, with the possibility of extension

The Centre will begin considering applications: December 1st 2026

The position will remain open until filled.

Interested candidates should apply with the following documents combined into a single PDF document to sarah.caldwell@msvu.ca:

- A cover letter describing their interest in and suitability for the position;
- An academic CV;
- A writing sample/publication;
- Contact information for three references.

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.