

JOB CLASSIFICATION: Research Associate, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, Dalhousie University

Position Description:

The Department of Community Health and Epidemiology (<http://che.medicine.dal.ca/>) at Dalhousie University is seeking a Research Associate to work on systematic reviews, other evidence synthesis projects, and research related to back pain. Dr. Jill Hayden's program of research includes research related to health services delivery, health policy, intervention effectiveness, and prognosis. For more information about Dr. Hayden's program of research, please visit our website (<https://www.dal.ca/sites/backpain.html>)

The Research Associate will participate in the development and coordination of research projects, largely focused on evidence synthesis and implementation. They will work as part of research team on various research projects, and will be engaged with initiatives associated with Cochrane Canada and Cochrane International. The successful candidate will work closely with the Principal Investigator, other team members, and trainees, but with expectations of independent research.

The Research Associate:

- Designs and develops evidence synthesis materials including forms for study selection, data extraction, risk of bias assessments and uses those tools to conduct robust evidence synthesis projects
- Prepares datasets, conducts analyses, and formats results
- Prepares publications based on research results to be submitted for peer-review, including draft and final reports, manuscripts, conference presentations and posters, educational materials and other knowledge translation tools
- Establishes and maintains good communications with co-investigators, external advisors, policy decision-makers, representatives from funding agencies, professional societies and other stakeholders
- Assists with preparation of research grant applications and other related duties as required
- Manages timelines and day-to-day activities for a set of research projects
- Supervises trainees and research assistants, if required

The position is located at the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, Dalhousie University, Centre for Clinical Research, 5790 University Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate is a creative self-starter who takes pride in their work and is confident working on their own with minimal supervision, as well as within a highly collaborative team.

Education:

The successful candidate will possess a Master's degree or equivalent in health sciences or social sciences, with a strong understanding of and experience working in research. Preference will be given to those with a degree in epidemiology, public health, biostatistics, or a related field.

Skills/Requirements:

- Experience in evidence synthesis methods, including systematic review and rapid reviews
- Experience with data management for projects, developing and maintaining databases
- Proven experience with quantitative analysis and methods
- Knowledge of statistical packages (e.g. Stata, SAS, RevMan)
- Experience in writing and submitting reports and manuscripts
- Computer skills (Microsoft Office, Access, reference management software)
- Research project implementation and management experience
- Meaningful engagement and development of trainees, providing peer mentorship
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Experience in establishing and maintaining working relationships with study investigators, project staff, and other stakeholders
- Excellent organizational and problem-solving skills

Remuneration:

Compensation range \$48,000-\$55,000 per annum, commensurate with experience.

Preferred Start Date: July 4th, 2017 (negotiable)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To apply, send a one-page cover letter and a copy of your resume/CV as e-mail attachments to Rachel Ogilvie (Rachel.ogilvie@dal.ca) by **4:00pm, June 14th, 2017**. While we appreciate the interest of all those who apply, you will be contacted only if you are selected for an interview. Candidates who are invited for an interview will be asked to provide contact information for 3 references.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all qualified candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/respect