

Indigenous and Global Health Studentship

Foothills Campus, Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement, Cumming School of Medicine

Studentship Overview

We are looking for a student with advanced qualitative research skills in contexts of social inequity to conduct high-level literature review, project coordination, and community engagement/outreach. The position reports to the Chair and co-chair of the Indigenous Health Dialogue Dr. Lynden (Lindsay) Crowshoe and Dr. Rita Henderson and to the Assistant Deans of the Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement (SPaCE) office, Dr. Gwendolyn Hollaar and Dr. Guido Van Marle. The task of the Indigenous Health Dialogue (IHD) is to envision, develop and establish itself as a program within the SPaCE portfolio to support the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) in its commitment to the health improvement of Indigenous persons and their communities. SPaCE seeks to actively achieve its commitment to Indigenous and global health, grounded in principles of social accountability, cultural safety and equitable partnerships. The studentship is up to 35 hours/ week, **May-August 2017**, with a lump sum payment of \$6,000-8,000 depending upon program level.

Scope of Responsibilities and Skill Development Areas:

- **INDIGENOUS HEALTH:** The studentship's primary purpose is to assist in research and community engagement deliverables related to Indigenous health. This may include:
 - Literature review
 - Develop ethics applications
 - Explore perspectives from indigenous community members about having CSM students doing electives or rotations within their communities
 - Conduct survey tools to learners at the CSM regarding perspectives on indigenous health issues
 - Collate information from CSM residency program directors summarizing indigenous health curriculum in their training programs and their perspectives in implementing curriculum
- **GLOBAL HEALTH:** The studentship's primary purpose is to develop a research proposal. This may include:
 - Literature review
 - Develop a research plan for focus groups for international students at the CSM

Deliverables: Completion of at least one research proposal with data acquisition and analysis.

Qualifications / Requirements:

- In a graduate program in community health, social sciences, or related field
- Experience with qualitative research and analysis required
- Experience and interest in health equity required
- Experience in academic database search and literature reviews
- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous realities impacting health
- Demonstrated ability for professional presentation skills and report writing
- Strong inter-cultural communication skills
- A positive attitude and the ability to work independently and as part of a team are critical
- Must be open to learning and development, and be willing to accept new challenges and assignments

Application:

Please apply with CV and cover letter by **April 18th** to Heather MacIntosh, Manager, SPaCE, hmacinto@ucalgary.ca tel: 403 210-6161 or drop off your package at TRW 3E46.