Job title: Qualitative Research Methodologist

Department: Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS) at the Providence Health Care Research Institute (PHCRI)

Location: St. Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver, BC

Salary: Salary commensurate with experience; competitive benefits package including four weeks of paid vacation to start, extended health and dental plans, and membership in the Municipal Pension Plan

Desired Start Date: July 5, 2021

Full/Part-time: Full-time (37.5 hours per week)

Position status: This is an on-going, regular-status Providence Health Care position (union-excluded); however, all research positions are dependent on grant funding

Term: The initial term of this role is expected to be at least 2 years in duration and renewable, should grant funding continue to be available

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

How to Apply: Interested candidates should email their resume with cover letter to hr@cheos.ubc.ca. Only applications following this process will be reviewed.

Equity and diversity are essential to research and academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or a person who identifies as First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous. CHÉOS welcomes a broad range of applicants and accommodations are available for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

Job Summary

Under the supervision of Dr. Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes, the Qualitative Research Methodologist will collaborate with a multidisciplinary team of researchers and health care providers conducting mixed methods studies on person-centered care in addictions and public health; specifically, injectable opioid agonist.
The Qualitative Research Methodologist will lead qualitative research activities and coordinate daily aspects of studies applying qualitative and quantitative methodologies, including: client engagement, coordination and participation in virtual and on-site research activities in the research office located in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, data collection (interviews, focus groups, ethnographic observations), data analysis, interpretation, manuscript preparation, and knowledge translation.

The Qualitative Research Methodologist works closely with CHÉOS staff including physicians, epidemiologists, research nurses, research coordinators and assistants, data managers, biostatisticians, graduate students and fellows.

Located at St. Paul’s Hospital, CHÉOS is an interdisciplinary collective founded to pursue excellence in health outcomes research. In addition to conducting its own research, the Centre’s other primary function is to offer methodological expertise to other researchers, including assistance with study design, statistics, health economics, data management, and grant facilitation for both health outcomes research and clinical trials. The Centre consists of 75+ faculty members and 130-150 staff and research personnel.

**Work Performed**

- Leads and participates in daily activities of the program’s qualitative and quantitative studies. This will include collection of qualitative data and organizing research and evaluation activities at study sites.
- Organizes and co-chairs the clients’ advisory committee.
- Leads and collaborates on results interpretation, writing, and final reporting (manuscript development).
- Participates in stakeholder and community engagement, and knowledge translation activities.
- Collaborates on harmonized ethics applications and provisos for qualitative studies.
- Leads and contributes to collection and analyses of qualitative data, including generating reports for diverse stakeholder groups and manuscripts for academic journals.
- Participates in grant writing and other funding opportunities.
- Performs other related duties, as required.

**Supervision Received**

Reports to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes, works closely with other members of the research team.

**Supervision Given**

Along with Dr. Oviedo-Joekes and other faculty and clinical leads, this position will participate in the guidance and supervision of research assistants and student trainees.

**Consequence of Error/Judgment**

A high level of judgment is needed in this position. Inadequate documentation, organization, communication and planning may adversely affect the image and reputation of CHÉOS, individual investigators, their respective Faculties or PHCRI. Error could be associated with the loss of investigator productivity and the potential loss of renewal grant funding.
Working Conditions

The incumbent will work at CHÉOS’ located in St. Paul’s Hospital and the field research office located in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside.

Qualifications:

This position requires previous experience with ethnographic methods, as well as engagement of a diversity of health providers, experts, and stakeholder groups. The Qualitative Research Methodologist must be exceptionally organized and detail-oriented with strong communication and collaboration skills. Strong interview skills with a variety of client and provider populations, ideally in the field of substance use (i.e., people who use drugs, nurses and physicians working in the field, etc.). The position requires a strong sense of commitment to move policy forward to improve care for people who use drugs, as well as to foster an environment of respect and connection in a team with diverse members, including health care leaders, policy makers, clinicians, and people who use drugs.

- Doctoral degree in a health-related discipline preferred.
- Demonstrated understanding of public health, as well as addictions research and intersectionality.
- Enthusiastic disposition in bringing innovation to addictions research.
- Ability to work well independently and with a multidisciplinary team.
- Experience conducting qualitative interviews and focus groups; experience analyzing qualitative data (i.e., coding).
- Experience working with quantitative data within mixed methods studies, including ethical conduct of research.
- A patient and tolerant disposition is essential to navigate challenging interviews and interactions.
- Flexibility to adapt to client and clinical team needs.
- Proficient computer skills (e.g. Excel) and use of NVivo or other software for qualitative data analysis.
- Exceptional communication skills.
- Excellent writing skills.
- Cultural safety certification or training an asset.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.