



Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program

Alberta Centennial Addiction & Mental Health Research Chair

Alberta, Canada is rapidly becoming an international hub of research activity, attracting experts from around the world. Contributing to this is the Alberta Centennial Addiction and Mental Health Research Chairs Program, a key initiative of the Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program. The goals of the Chairs Program are to increase academic and practice-based addiction and mental health research capacity in Alberta; to strengthen connections between research and practice settings; and to facilitate evidence-driven changes in practice. The inaugural Alberta Centennial Addiction and Mental Health Research Chair began at the University of Calgary in July 2008 with a focus on early detection and prevention of psychosis.

Following recommendations from the Research, Evaluation, and Knowledge Translation/Exchange Working Group Final Report and the Alberta Health Services and Health Research Report, the Chairs Program will continue with the recruitment of a second Alberta Centennial Addiction and Mental Health Research Chair. The Universities of Alberta, Calgary, and Lethbridge, in partnership with Alberta Health Services, are inviting applications and nominations at this time.

The Chair will facilitate leading-edge research in health services or population health research and will play a pivotal role in building strong collaborative research relationships across the province. The individual appointed to this unique position will be a nationally or internationally recognized doctoral-level expert, with experience in providing research leadership, vision, and strategic direction in one of the four priority areas:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Mental Illness and Addictions
- Workplace Mental Health
- Effectiveness of Mental Health Services / Systems

In working to advance one of the priority areas, the Chair may also have a secondary focus on one of our cross-cutting themes: Aboriginal or Multicultural Populations; Suicide Prevention; Knowledge Transfer; and Capacity of Information Systems to Support Research.

Through promoting and strengthening working relationships with service providers in Alberta Health Services zones, and with relevant community agencies

and policy-makers, the Chair will lead change and support evidence-based practice. Above all, the Chair will be committed to implementation of the research vision of the Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program – that through a well-integrated health services and population health research program in addiction and mental health, Alberta will be a world leader in advancing leading-edge practice and innovation in order to improve the mental wellbeing of all Albertans.

The Chair will be appointed for a five-year term, with potential for renewal. The successful individual will be awarded an Alberta Centennial Addiction and Mental Health Research Chair appointment at the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary or the University of Lethbridge (with the potential of cross-appointments); a tenured or tenure-track professorship at the university; and joint appointments with one or more Alberta Health Services zones.

Each Chair award is \$1,250,000 divided over a five-year term. This \$250,000 in annual funding per Chair is supplemented with a salaried professorship, work space, and administrative support, all of which is provided by the partnering universities.

Consideration of nominations, applications, and expressions of interest will begin in February 2010. Please respond in confidence to the address below with a two-page letter of interest and your curriculum vitae. Preference will be given to candidates external to Alberta with the exception of those who have resided in Alberta from 2006 onward. This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

For more information about the Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program, please visit www.mentalhealthresearch.ca.

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