

Doctoral Student Fellowship in Rural Maternity Care Research



The Rural Maternity New Emerging Team (RM-NET) is inviting applications for a Doctoral Fellowship that will enable a motivated doctoral student researcher to join our interdisciplinary team investigating rural maternity care in British Columbia.



As a Doctoral Fellow, you will join a highly active interdisciplinary team of researchers with expertise in family practice, sociology, community development, family studies, geography, nursing, economics, epidemiology, geography, and health system and policy analysis. The goal of this CIHR-funded New Emerging Team is to evaluate challenges facing the provision of rural maternity care in a comprehensive way from multiple perspectives. This goal is based on

the recognition that the changes to rural maternity care services across Canada are the product of multiple, complex, inter-related influences, which have occurred over time, and that the implications of these changes are multi-faceted. Our research strategy is to move beyond traditional silos of academic disciplines and integrate concepts, epistemologies and/or methodologies to create new, more comprehensive understandings of causes and effects. We are committed to doing research that is integrated with the priorities of rural women and communities, and as such we regularly review our research goals, findings and dissemination strategies with a growing group of community collaborators interested and engaged in rural maternity care service delivery. We look forward to aligning with someone with a passion for research (qualitative and/or quantitative) and a strong desire to pursue a career in rural maternity care research.

The RM-NET is an independent research team within the University of British Columbia's Department of Family Practice and supported by the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. Our affiliations with UBC and the Health Authorities in B.C. provide opportunities to collaborate with other academics and practitioners leading to dynamic and synergistic research collaborations. Although the core research team is located in Vancouver, RM-NET investigators are spread across B.C., and collaborations exist with researchers and health care practitioners in other Canadian provinces and territories as well as international jurisdictions.



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Description of Fellowship

The successful candidate will receive funding up to \$45,000 CDN (benefits included) for an 18 month placement with the Rural Maternity New Emerging Team (RM-NET).

The Doctoral Fellow will pursue her/his own dissertation research topic related to rural maternity care and may also participate in other RM-NET research activities as appropriate. The Fellow will receive mentoring and support from the principal investigators, research coordinator, and will benefit from collaborative research relationships with the rest of the research team. As well, the Doctoral Fellow will receive support in applying for funding from other sources to continue her/his research as appropriate.

The Fellow will be provided with office space in Vancouver, as well as access to and use of Internet, printers, and telephone and fax lines.

Application Process

Eligibility:

- ◆ The successful applicant will be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, registered in a doctoral program in Canada;
- ◆ Candidates from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply;
- ◆ Candidates may be completing coursework for their PhD program, but will be expected to contribute sufficient time to the RM-NET to develop a research focus area.

Application Requirements:

Please include the following documents in your application:

- ◆ Cover letter describing your proposed research (topic and methodology). *We do not require applicants to pursue research that RM-NET investigators are currently conducting. New and independent research proposals related to rural maternity care in B.C. are welcome;*
- ◆ One set of official and current transcripts from all graduate programs of study (Doctoral and Master's levels);
- ◆ Current curriculum vitae, including a list of publications, grants and awards;
- ◆ Names and contact information of three research referees;
- ◆ Sample of your writing, preferably from an article published in a refereed journal.

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