

Job Title: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Risky Behaviour Lab at UVic

Term: July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, with possibility of renewal (start and end dates negotiable)

Salary: \$45,000 per year

Location: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Position Overview

Dr. Brianna Turner of the [Risky Behaviour Lab](#) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow to provide direct support to the Principal Investigator on several grant-funded research studies investigating trajectories of self-injury and related self-damaging behaviours in adolescence and early adulthood. This Fellowship will provide direct experience with a variety of research designs, including longitudinal (prospective) studies, micro-longitudinal (ecological momentary assessment) studies, and population health data analysis. The primary responsibilities of the PDF will be to: (1) assist with data management, analysis and publication of a longitudinal study of trajectories of self-harm, disordered eating and substance use in first-year university students, (2) assist with participant recruitment, clinical interviewing, and data collection for an EMA study of self-harm in youth, and (3) assist with database creation and cleaning for a population-level geospatial study of suicidal behaviour in youth in British Columbia. Opportunities exist for the PDF to be involved in grant writing, teaching, mentoring graduate and undergraduate trainees, and to pursue professional registration as a Psychologist in BC, if applicable. The PDF will also be expected to provide assistance to the lab's graduate, honours, and undergraduate students and Lab Manager, and to contribute to the lab's professional development activities.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist with data analysis, manuscript preparation, and knowledge translation activities for the *Many Minds* project, which followed two cohorts of first-year university students through their first two academic semesters to understand mental health and behavioural trajectories in the first year of post-secondary.
- Assist with creation of databases, study procedures, and data cleaning and scoring procedures for upcoming and ongoing studies in the lab.
- Conduct regular data quality checks and oversee data quality.
- Conduct clinical interviews with research participants, including diagnostic, symptom-focused (Timeline Followback, Self-injurious Thoughts and Behaviours Interview) and safety protocol related interviews.
- Draft and revise ethics applications, amendments and annual renewals.
- Assist graduate students in data analysis and manuscript preparation.

Additional Information

This position is salaried at 35 hours per week; Fellows who wish to pursue on-campus teaching or supervised clinical hours toward professional Registration must first seek the approval of the PI.

Qualifications

Candidates must have completed a PhD in Clinical Psychology, or a closely related field, within four years of the start date of their appointment, and have an established record of independent research. Knowledge and training in longitudinal data analysis (e.g., familiarity with multilevel, trajectory-based, and latent variable modelling and relevant software packages such as R, MPlus, HLM, SAS or SPSS) is highly desirable. Familiarity with working with health administrative data, epidemiological statistics, or geospatial data and analysis (e.g., ArcGIS) will also be considered an asset. This position requires excellent interpersonal, organizational, and communication (both oral and written) skills, meticulous attention to detail, problem solving and project management skills, and as well as the ability to learn quickly and function both independently and as part of a

team. Dr. Turner is committed to equitable access to employment opportunities, and to providing an environment that protects, promotes and affirms the rights and dignity of all persons, including those of diverse backgrounds and needs. Applications from women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the diversity of the lab are especially encouraged.

Training Environment

Located in [Victoria, British Columbia](#), close to Vancouver and Seattle, the [Department of Psychology](#) at the UVic is consistently ranked as one of the top psychology programs in Canada. In addition to excellence in Clinical Psychology, the Department of Psychology offers opportunities for research collaborations with colleagues in the [Lifespan Development Program](#), the [Cognition and Brain Sciences Program](#), and the University's [Centre for Youth and Society](#), [Centre on Aging](#), [Centre for Addictions Research of BC](#), and [CanAssist](#). The Risky Behaviour Lab currently collaborates with investigators at [BC Children's Hospital Research Institute](#) and [Island Health](#). The PDF will have opportunities to be involved in a research project with [PopDataBC](#).

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications with the subject line "RBL PDF Application" with a copy of their **cover letter, CV, graduate transcript, and two representative publications or papers** via email to: briannat@uvic.ca. **Two letters of reference** should be emailed directly to briannat@uvic.ca.

Only applicants short-listed for an in-person interview will be contacted. **The deadline for applications is March 23, 2020.**