

Sun Life Chair in Adolescent Mental Health, Dalhousie University, Faculty of Medicine

The Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre, are accepting applications for the Sun Life Chair in Adolescent Mental Health.

The successful applicant will lead the development of a clinical research program which will further develop innovative evidence-based interventions in adolescent mental health and mental illness. It is expected the Chair will work collaboratively with other research groups, regionally, nationally, and internationally as well as within Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre. The Dalhousie University Department of Psychiatry is home to six academic research chairs. The IWK Mental Health and Addictions Program provides a full range of mental health and psychiatric treatments for children and adolescents up until their 19th birthday, with 50,000 visits per year provided by over 450 inter-professional staff and 17 child and adolescent psychiatrists.

We wish to attract a talented and energetic leader (MD and/or PhD) with an excellent, established record of research accomplishments related to adolescent mental health. The successful applicant will demonstrate the ability to develop and direct an internationally recognized research program in mental illness/mental health, emphasizing the potential for translation and application to clinical practice. Applicants shall be collaborative and committed to the development of a strategy for adolescent mental health research, clinical practices and community outreach in the region and beyond. A demonstrated ability to attract external funding and sustain a strong research program is essential.

The Chair position provides a blend of salary, research funding and infrastructure support and the incumbent will be expected to compete successfully in regional, national and international funding competitions to further enhance the productivity of their research program. The ability to fulfill roles as a leader, mentor, collaborator and facilitator is an important asset. Evidence of outstanding collaborative, interdisciplinary research achievements, both nationally and internationally are valued attributes.

The Chair reports to the IWK Chief of Psychiatry and Head of the Department of Psychiatry. Working closely with the Faculty of Medicine Associate Dean of Research, the IWK Health Centre, and mental health researchers and clinicians, the Chair will:

- Develop and lead a clinical research program in adolescent mental health with input from the Department of Psychiatry (Faculty of Medicine) and Head, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; the IWK Mental Health and Addictions Program and VP Research, IWK Health Centre and the Chair, Advisory Board of the Sun Life Chair in Adolescent Mental Health.
- Conduct their own externally funded research into aspects of adolescent mental health that are in keeping with strategic plan/goals of Department of Psychiatry, Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine and IWK Mental Health and Addictions Program.
- If they are a clinician/physician, participate in clinical activities consistent with the research programs with clinical reporting relationships within the IWK Health Centre, and the expectation of 30 per cent clinical and 70 per cent research time allocation.
- In conjunction with other leaders in research, develop a training program directed toward producing independent researchers in adolescent mental health.

The successful candidate will be appointed to a five-year limited term appointment as the Sun Life Chair in Adolescent Mental Health, which is renewable subject to a successful review prior to the end of the first term. The incumbent will be granted a Career Stream academic appointment (i.e. Continuing Appointment or Tenure Stream, depending on qualifications) at the rank of associate or full professor (commensurate with experience) in the Department of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University.

Review of applications will begin May 21, 2021 and continue until position is filled. To apply, please submit your curriculum vitae, a two-page description of your research program and future research direction, and the names and contact information of three referees (two of whom must be from academic backgrounds) who may be contacted for references if required. All applications are to be submitted via PeopleAdmin: <https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/5537>.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit <https://www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity>.