

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH
McGill Initiative in Neurodisability (MIND) Research Group
SUMMER 2021**

POSITION:	Summer Intern (Remote)
LOCATION:	Montreal, QC, Canada
DESCRIPTION OF HOST ORGANIZATION:	<p>The McGill Initiative in Neurodisability (MIND) research group conducts research on the well-being of children with brain-based disabilities (neurodisabilities) and their caregivers (i.e., caregiver health, and parenting). Current projects address social determinants of health of children with neurodisabilities, service navigation, and parenting support programs.</p> <p>Project: Mapping the Needs of Young Adults with Neurodisabilities into Practice and Policy</p> <p>This project supports an intersectoral group of partners (community groups, health and social service organization, researchers, and individuals with lived experience) to understand and improve individuals with neurodisabilities transitions into and living in adulthood (ages 18-45).</p> <p>Vision: All neurodiverse individuals and their families have access to the services and supports they need, when they need them, to achieve their goals and live a healthy and meaningful life of quality.</p> <p>Mission: To develop and strengthen partnerships between different sectors and community organizations in order to co-create, innovate, and render more visible pathways for accessing supports and services that are needs- and evidence-based.</p> <p>Strategic Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocating at all levels of Government on behalf of those with neurodisabilities and their families 2. Ensuring those with neurodisabilities have a rich and engaged community life 3. Building accessible systems of navigation 4. Designing services and supports that promote physical and mental health and well-being of adults with neurodisabilities and their families
INTERN'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:	<p>Under the supervision of Dr. Lucyna Lach and the community working group, the intern will assist with the summer 2021 project Mapping the Needs of Young Adults with Neurodisabilities into Practice and Policy. The intern will be working with a group of intersectoral partners (community groups, health and social service organization, researchers, and individuals with lived experience) to map the needs of young adults with neurodisabilities in the domains of advocacy, navigation, community integration (education, employment, housing), and health and wellbeing. Specific tasks will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting an environmental scan on the needs of young adults 18+ with brain-based neurodevelopmental disabilities (e.g. cerebral palsy, autism). • Reviewing academic and grey literature • Conducting key informant interviews • Synthesizing findings into a final report to be presented to policy makers <p>The intern will present research at one or more intersectoral committee meetings and events during the internship.</p>

	<i>Interns' duties and projects may not be as listed. These will depend on the needs of the host organization.</i>
HOST ORGANIZATION'S REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student in social sciences, social work, policy or with knowledge and interest in neurodisabilities and health/social policy • Excellent research and writing skills • Excellent communication and interpersonal skills • Ability to work independently (i.e., able to identify needs of stakeholders, conduct research on needs, and synthesize research findings) • French an asset (the ability to read policy documents in French is a requirement) • Knowledge of MS Office (Word, Outlook, Excel), • Knowledge of statistical software (STATA, R, Dedoose) an asset • Student will be asked to use their own laptop • Experience working with a variety of stakeholders an asset • Experience in presenting to a non-academic audience an asset
HOURS:	3 days a week, to be discussed with host organization.
DATES:	12 weeks between June 1 to August 31, 2021. (Negotiated with host organization)
REMUNERATION:	\$3,780 CAD issued through a Faculty of Arts Internship Award.
HOW TO APPLY:	Students must complete the online Arts Internship Application Form available on the AIO website: https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/internships/postings/application The student will also be asked to provide a writing sample
DEADLINE TO APPLY:	May 30th, 11:59pm Eastern Time.
ELIGIBILITY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - McGill Faculty of Arts students (B.A., B.A & Sc., BSW, B.Th., M.A, MSW) - Minimum CGPA of 2.7 - Returning to McGill in the fall semester following the internship - Students must fulfill Faculty of Arts requirements as outlined in the Handbook for Interns https://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/resources (under General Resources -> Handbook)
COSTS:	The intern is responsible for all costs associated with the internship including transportation, accommodations, etc.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	Preparing travel arrangements to and from the internship host organization is the responsibility of the intern.
ACCOMMODATION:	Finding suitable lodging during the internship is the responsibility of the intern.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:	Interns are responsible for informing themselves of what entry requirements are required to visit and work as an intern in the internship host country. These may include a visa, work permit, passport valid for at least 6 months after entry, and proof of certain vaccinations. <u>The intern is responsible for acquiring all necessary documents in time for the beginning of their internship.</u>
CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS:	

Please Note:

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. At that time, you may be asked to come in for an interview.

The Arts Internship Office will then transmit the selected applications to the host organization, which will ultimately be responsible for the selection of the candidate(s).

If you feel you have experienced barriers which have had an impact on your academic performance and wish to highlight these to the selection committee, the documents/comments will be taken into consideration