Postdoctoral Fellowship
CReSP - Université de Montréal

The Canada research chair in Community approaches and health inequalities (CACIS) offers a 1-year renewable full-time postdoctoral fellowship (35h / week). The fellowship aims to realize studies on the quantitative longitudinal cohort data of the Pathway Study, requesting food aid and after?. The chosen candidate will work collaboratively under the responsibility of the two principal investigators, Louise Potvin and Geneviève Mercille, in collaboration with the project coordinator and the entire team of co-investigators which comprises an epidemiologist, a biostatistician and a geographer.

Description of the Canada Research Chair in Community Approaches and Health Inequalities (CACIS):
The mission of the Canada Research Chair in Community Approaches and Health Inequalities (CACIS) is to inform and support practices that promote health equity. Researchers and partners have adopted a Partnership Framework to develop and carry out research with the population affected by inequalities and those involved in population level interventions. It contributes to the training of researchers, supports the development of research projects and leads knowledge exchange activities with practice settings.

Description of the Pathway Study:
The Pathway Study, funded by the Canadian Health Research Institute (CIHR) and the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS) and local foundations, aims to estimate the long-term effects of food donation programs on food insecurity, social integration and health, and to identify conditions that facilitate the transition from food donation to capacity-building programs among newly registered food donation program users. The main component of the study is a cohort study that follows more than 1,000 newly registered users, recruited between September 2018 and January 2020, in 106 community organizations offering food aid in four regions of Quebec (Montreal, Lanaudière, Mauricie – Centre-du-Quebec and Estrie), in rural, peri-urban and urban areas. This study is the first of its kind in the country and probably in the world, because of its longitudinal nature and the fact that it studies a large number of outcomes related to food security. The study provides access to original data on the trajectories of new food aid users in Quebec, namely how and if they regain food security. We are now in the process of finishing the third data collection, which will end in January 2022.
The successful candidate will be responsible for the analysis of longitudinal quantitative data as well as the preparation and publication of scientific papers. In addition, s/he will contribute to the preparation and presentation of the study results at conferences, forums and congresses at regional, national and international levels. S/he will participate in the development of various knowledge transfer tools and support the implementation of concrete actions for the dissemination of results, in collaboration with our partners. The chosen candidate is required to submit postdoctoral fellowship applications to national granting agencies during the first year of the fellowship.

The following criteria are required:
• PhD in public health, epidemiology, sociology (quantitative), public nutrition or in another related discipline
• Advanced skills in longitudinal, quantitative data analysis methods
• Mastery of a relevant data analysis software
• Demonstrated experience in the preparation and publication of scientific papers
• Autonomy
• Ability to work in an organized manner in a dynamic research environment, ability to work both independently and in groups
• Demonstrated ability to write scientific articles in English
Requests to work remotely will be considered.

The application must contain the following elements:
1. A letter which includes the candidate’s motivations for participating in the Pathway study
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Names and contact of two reference persons

Amount :
45 000$/year.

Timeline :
Deadline for submitting the proposal: September 10th, 2021. The successful candidate is scheduled to start as soon as possible. Requests to work remotely will be considered. Send the application with email object “Postdoctoral fellowship Chair CACIS” to: federico.roncarolo@umontreal.ca.