

Mental Healthcare and Allied Service Access by Anglophone Homeless Youth Project

Student, Masters in Psychiatry

An exciting opportunity currently exists in ACCESS Open Minds RIPAJ (Montreal Homeless Youth Network) for

A Student interested in pursuing an M.Sc. in Psychiatry or Biomedical Sciences in the context of this project, starting in Winter 2017

The candidate will work under the supervision of Dr. Amal Abdel-Baki (University of Montreal) and Dr. Srividya Iyer (McGill University) and will be supported by other project team members.

Research Project:

The ***Mental Healthcare and Allied Service Access by Anglophone Homeless Youth Project*** aims at understanding where and how homeless Anglophone youth (whose preferred official language is English) access mental healthcare and what hinders or facilitates access. This project will creatively engage Anglophone, Francophone and Allophone youth using: (1) *Community Mapping*; and (2) *PhotoVoice*. The project uses qualitative research methods to gain a rich understanding of how homeless youth view their mental health; their pathways to services; how their environment responds to their mental health needs; and how context (especially language) influences help-seeking and service use.

During the Master's program, the student will have the opportunity to learn various aspects of community-based research - ethics applications; youth recruitment and engagement; activities planning and implementation; data management and analysis; and knowledge translation activities (e.g., report writing, manuscripts, other innovative knowledge sharing initiatives).

Qualifications/Skills required: The candidate must

- have a Bachelor's Degree
- possess a knowledge of and/or a strong interest in the issues that affect youth mental health and have experience in youth engagement.
- be detail-oriented, well organized, with the ability to meet deadlines and to work independently. Creativity and innovation will be highly regarded.

The successful candidates will possess:

- proven experience/interest in engaging youth, particularly youth at risk for homelessness
- ability to work from a perspective that is socially inclusive and accepting of diversity.
- knowledge of/interest in adolescent mental health and substance use
- ability to work in a dynamic and multi-disciplinary team setting
- knowledge of and/or willingness to learn research procedures (e.g., research ethics, confidentiality, data collection, data management)
- excellent verbal and written communication in both French and English, computer skills (e.g., qualitative database software packages), interpersonal and organizational skills.

Email your cover letter and resume with the subject line “Anglophone Homeless Youth Project” by **October 23rd 2016** to **accesshomelessyouthproject@gmail.com**

A 2-year student scholarship is available to allow full time dedication to the project. The deadline for registration to the winter semester at l'Université de Montréal is November 1st 2016. The student will start his/her implication in November/December 2016 at least part time.