

Job Opening **“Roots of Resilience” Study**

Sir Mortimer B. Davis-Jewish General Hospital and McGill University

Position: Community Researcher **Location:** Wemindji
Position type: Part-time, about 20 hours per week **Duration:** About 1 year
Salary range: \$18.25–\$21.98 per hour

About the study

“Resilience” means being able to spring back after a setback or loss. *Roots of Resilience* is a study that looks at what helps Aboriginal people to be resilient. One part of this study is a project called *Stories of Resilience*. The project will use interviews and focus groups to collect people’s stories in Aboriginal communities across Canada, including Wemindji. These stories will help the research team to

- Learn what “resilience” means to Aboriginal peoples
- Find out what helps a person or community to be more resilient

This could help us find ways to increase healing in Wemindji.

The Community Researcher will be an important part of the research team, along with people from McGill University and the Jewish General Hospital. At the end of the project, the team will write a report on what has helped people in Wemindji to get through their problems. The results from Wemindji might also be put into other larger reports about the whole project.

Main responsibilities

The Community Researcher will be asked to

- Advise on the best ways to conduct research in Wemindji
- Help set up a Community Advisory Group for the project
- Arrange meetings between the research team and the Community Advisory Group
- Help create the questions for the interviews and focus groups
- Set up and conduct interviews and focus groups
- Transcribe (write out) the tapes from the interviews and focus groups
- Analyze what the interviews and focus groups tell us
- Write reports on the findings
- Share the results with the community

Qualifications

The Community Researcher must be able to work in English and Cree, and have a keen interest in the project. The ideal person for this job would also have

- Experience in research (for example, literature reviews, interviews)
- Basic computer skills (for example, using Microsoft Word, finding things on the Internet)

- A university degree (completed or in progress) in anthropology, psychology, sociology, or a related field
- Organizing skills
- Communication skills

Application

To apply, please submit a CV and statement of intent to Dr Stéphane Dandeneau at Stephane.dandeneau@mcgill.ca

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