



AGE-WELL National Innovation Hub

Advancing Policies and Practices in Technology and Aging

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**Job Descriptions
for
Two (2) Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)**

- (1) One in **Knowledge Acquisition and Translation (KA/KT)** from / to academic researchers, federal, provincial and territorial policy-makers (and other sources) regarding existing practices and services toward seniors' health (aging and eldercare)
- (2) One in **Knowledge Exchange and Mobilization (KE/KM)** transferring / disseminating knowledge, being a knowledge broker, engaging stakeholders such as academics, federal, provincial and territorial policy-makers (users), to implement best practices (uses)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Advancing Policies and Practices in Technology and Aging (APPTA) hub is a collaboration between AGE-WELL NCE and the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation. APPTA will be a focal point for policy innovation and knowledge mobilization across Canada by providing value, guidance and assistance for policy-makers, provincial and federal departments and agencies, academic researchers, clinicians, regional/district health authorities, communities, and the press, who are looking to exchange, learn, understand, and adopt new and innovative approaches (best practices) to solving complex policy, programming, and service delivery challenges relative to aging and eldercare.

Under the mentorship of Dr. Dolores Furlong from the University of New Brunswick and a national co-mentor (member of the AGE-WELL NCE Network), and under the management of the Executive Director of the Innovation Hub, the Postdoctoral Fellows will develop an innovative and substantive research program in the area of policy, regulatory, and other aspects related to the proliferation and adoption of new technologies to support older adults and caregivers. As part of this program, the Fellows will review, develop, analyze, and publish key aspects of the research and policy development activities of the Hub.



THE RESEARCH PROGRAM OF THE Awnih-APPTA

A key component of the Hub's work in innovation is to turn research in aging and senior care into outcomes and impacts that can be applied by policy and decision-makers across Canada. Knowledge Mobilization (KM) is an important part of the research process. KM occurs when research knowledge is applied to help facilitate real-world impact on policy and society. It is the process of adapting knowledge to increase research uptake and inform decisions, while also connecting researchers and their work to organizations and communities outside of the university.

Knowledge mobilization is an umbrella term encompassing a wide range of activities relating to the production and use of research results, including knowledge synthesis, dissemination, transfer, exchange, and co-creation or co-production by researchers and knowledge users.

Post-Doctoral Fellows with the Hub will be poised to help establish the first pan-Canadian research program in this area, and provided the opportunity to work closely with government decision-makers across the country by:

- Conducting literature reviews, interviews, surveys, focus groups, with key informants on government-university partnerships, community-university partnerships and knowledge mobilization/exchange tools and strategies used provincially, nationally and internationally; raise awareness of new knowledge;
- Developing a knowledge mobilization plan with specific receptor audience strategies based on AGE-WELL NIH-APPTA principles, such as "Working with Media," "Using Social Media," and "Working with Government."
- Contributing to the development of knowledge mobilization resources and recommendations for the benefit of policy development for the aging population;
- Supporting existing Awnih-APPTA knowledge mobilization activities: Hosting networking events, seminars and (lunch & learn) workshops;
- Leading or contributing to publications, presentations, summaries, research reports, webinars, media relations instruments (e.g., press releases, web content, social media), and the planning of community, academic or business events.



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QUALIFICATIONS

We are looking for highly promising scholars with a Ph.D. under CIHR's health research pillars 3 (Health Systems and Services Research) and/or 4 (Population and Public Health Research) per health policy, health services, social sciences and/or related areas. Applicants must have completed the requirements for the Ph.D. by the start of the appointment and will have a New Brunswick-based co-supervisor and mentor and a national co-supervisor and mentor, who is a member of the AGE-WELL NCE Network.

TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP

An important part of the AGE-WELL mandate is to provide world-class training to Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP), including graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research associates and technicians in the field of technology and aging. It is expected that HQP associated with this funded project contact the AGE-WELL Education and Training Administrator (training@agewell-nce.ca) to join the AGE-WELL HQP program and participate in the *Early Professionals, Inspired Careers* (EPIC) program towards earning the Innovators of Tomorrow Certificate.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT

The term of appointment can be up to three (3) years (2017-18 to 2019-20), as a full time position. The position is available for an immediate start date and is based in Fredericton, New Brunswick, however a multi-site agreement may be considered based on availability and qualifications.

STIPEND

The annual stipend is CA\$56,500 per year and governed by UNB Postdoctoral Fellow policies <http://www.unb.ca/research/vp/postdoc/forms.html>.

TO APPLY: Please forward your resumé to Shelley Kenny Manager, Human Resources skenny@yorkcarecentre.ca