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Post-doctoral Fellowship

Simon Fraser University

Aging and technology

Professor Andrew Sixsmith is offering a postdoctoral fellowship in aging and technology research, based out of the Science and Technology for Aging Research (STAR) Institute and the Gerontology Department at SFU. The position is funded by the AGE-WELL Network of Centres of Excellence (www.agewell-nce.ca).

This will be a “SUPER POST-DOC” position and NOT a typical research fellowship. The person will be expected to have the leadership potential and initiative to develop a program of research and innovation that is in line with Dr. Sixsmith’s and AGE-WELL’s objectives, mandate and values.

The aim is to carry out excellent scientific research that will also lead to real-world solutions to sustain or improve well-being and health in aging populations (e.g. technologies, training initiatives, policy and practice). As well as developing proposals, carrying out research, writing papers, etc., the person will also be expected to engage in outreach and knowledge mobilization activities.

Researchers with Professor Sixsmith are highly sought-after and have typically moved on to high-status positions in academia, government and industry.

The applicant should have:

- PhD or equivalent degree
- Preference will be given to applicants with experience working with aging populations, but other relevant expertise will be considered
- Desire to work in a demanding transdisciplinary environment

- Experience of, or aptitude for, managing research projects and teams
- Excellent written and verbal skills, including communications to non-academic audiences
- There are no specific disciplinary requirements and applications are welcomed from the humanities, social sciences, health sciences, engineering and applied sciences
- Experience in non-academic sectors, business, government, not-for-profit, etc. is an advantage
- International applicants are welcome to apply for this position

Successful applicants will start as soon as possible during 2018. The duration of the fellowship is 1 year, with the option of continuing for a second year.

The remuneration and benefits package is to be negotiated, but it is expected that this will reflect the potential of the candidate. There will be funds for research expenses, professional development and for conferences.

The person will be expected to complete and contribute to the AGE-WELL EPIC Training program.

Applicants should submit a C.V. and relevant reprints of academic outputs, together with a covering letter describing their expertise and future research plans and career goals. They should also arrange to have three letters of reference, which will be required if the applicant is short-listed. Applications will be reviewed as soon as submitted.

Applications must be sent as soon as possible to Dr. Andrew Sixsmith, andrew_sixsmith@sfu.ca. Please cc Special Projects Coordinator Juliet Neun-Hornick, jneunhor@sfu.ca, as well.



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