

Qualitative Researcher BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS Gender & Sexual Health Initiative (GSHI)



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in HIV/AIDS

Please note: Only Canadian Citizens, legal residents or residents with a legal work permit will be considered.

STATUS: One year full time position with potential for renewal

JOB START DATE: As soon as possible

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

LOCATION: Gender and Sexual Health Initiative of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Vancouver, BC

JOB: Works with multidisciplinary team under the direction of the Director of the Gender and Sexual Health Initiative (GSHI), PIs, and Research Coordinator. Assists with planning and conducting ethnographic and qualitative research, including data management, analysis and peer review writing focused on communities affected by HIV, in particular street/off-street sex workers, gender/ sexual minority populations, and women living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, please visit:

www.gshi.cfenet.ubc.ca

ORGANIZATION: The BC-CfE currently employs a team of statisticians, programmers, data managers and data entry clerks who work collaboratively on cohort-based epidemiological and clinical studies. The BC-CfE is a world-renowned HIV/AIDS research centre including Research Laboratory, Clinical Trials, Drug Treatment Program, Epidemiology and Professional Education Programs.

BENEFITS: Employee benefits include medical, dental, as well as accrued vacation and sick time.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Working with research coordinator and PIs and qualitative team, plans qualitative research and develops interview topic guides and semi-structured interviews
- Participates in recruitment of study participants
- Follows informed consent and ethical procedures
- Conducts in-depth qualitative interviews and ethnographic fieldwork with affected community and related stakeholders (e.g. service providers)
- Records interview information, observation fieldnotes, and maintains detailed research records
- Codes and analyzes qualitative data using qualitative data analysis software
- Participates in ongoing training and efforts to ensure data integrity
- Facilitates community engagement in qualitative research, including research questions, analysis and writing
- Drafts manuscripts for peer review publication and community summaries, and reports, as appropriate
- Presents qualitative research back to community, engages in GSHI knowledge translation activities
- Has some flexibility in working hours for occasional evening/ nighttime outreach to connect with affected community
- Performs other duties as required

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in Social Sciences, Sociology, Health Sciences, or related field
- Strong interviewing and facilitation skills developed through mix of academic training and practical experience
- Excellent understanding of qualitative research methods acquired through both practical and academic experience
- Research experience/ familiarity in gender, sexual health, HIV from a health and social justice framework among marginalized populations
- Proven track record in writing of qualitative research for peer review publication and other mediums
- Ability to work autonomously without direct day-to-day direction
- Must be proven self-motivated to set work schedule and interviews with affected community
- Excellent verbal and written communication, organization, and time-management skills
- Computer literate in Microsoft WORD and EXCEL
- Previous experience with qualitative data analysis software (NVIVO, ATLAS.ti, etc.)

ASSETS FOR THIS POSITION:

- Expertise in gender, sexual health and HIV/AIDS and marginalized populations, including Women Living with HIV, sex workers, Indigenous and new immigrant/ migrant communities, and/or gender/ sexual minority populations
- Experience in community-based organizations and/or community-based research
- Experience with participatory and/or arts-based approaches to research with the affected community (e.g. photovoice, mapping)
- Familiarity with theoretical knowledge applied to qualitative research, including structural vulnerability, feminist theory, social geography
- We encourage people living with HIV, people of Aboriginal ancestry and new immigrants, individuals of gender/sexual minority, and individuals with sex work experience to apply

Please include in your letter of submission:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Experience and interests
- Salary Expectation and availability

CONTACT:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 12, 2015

Note: The BC-CfE is an equal opportunity employer; GSHI is committed to GIPA/ MIPA principles. Applications received without a cover letter will **NOT** be considered. Only candidates that are selected for an interview will be contacted.