Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds School-based Nutrition Research Initiative

School-based Nutrition Fellowship

Application Form

Date: April 14, 2022

The Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds (FKNM) School-based Nutrition Research Initiative is a four-year research project that aims to provide a comprehensive overview of school food programs in Canada and identify best practices in relation to the design, delivery, and measurement of school food programs. The School-based Nutrition Fellowship are available to support Postdoctoral Fellow stipends.

The Joannah & Brian Lawson Centre for Child Nutrition, which is co-led by the University of Toronto’s Departments of Nutritional Sciences, Family and Community Medicine and Paediatrics, connects scholars, health practitioners, patients, and knowledge users to improve the nutrition of children in Canada and globally.

Eligibility and Requirements:

Postdoctoral fellows can come from any University of Toronto department, including UTSC and UTM. The primary supervisor does not need to be a member of the Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds steering committee. However, a recommendation from a steering committee member is required. For a full list of steering committee members please, email child.nutrition@utoronto.ca. Additional eligibility requirements pertaining to graduate students are identified below.

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Are you a FKNM Steering Committee member? □Yes □No

If no, indicate which steering committee member (s) recommended?
Click or tap here to enter text.

Proposed on-the-job supervision and Support to Student:
It is expected that the trainee will communicate and be guided by the FKNM core research team (Dr. Dan Sellen, Dr. Vasanti Malik, Dr. Mavra Ahmed, and Chelsea McPherson) and members of the steering committee.
**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**
*Please complete this section if a potential postdoctoral fellow has been identified.*

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**FUNDING STRUCTURE:**

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**Budget:**
*Indicate how the funds will be used (i.e., stipends, publication fees etc.) and justify:*

If applicable, list other funding support:
Funding is available for two postdoctoral fellows:

(1) **Education Fellow** – The aim is to develop a strategy to pilot test various aspects of deploying a national school feeding strategy in schools.

(2) **Stakeholder Engagement Fellow** – The aim is to systematically identify and plan a strategy to engage key stakeholders that play a role in school food programs in influencing the design and development of school feeding strategy.

For more information, please see the job descriptions starting on page 6.

Please describe the proposed project. Describe in detail the alignment of the project with one or more of the FKNM tracks, the methodology and the relevant expertise of the research team. Please refer to the accompanying Call for Proposal document for more information on how the proposal will be evaluated.
Application Deadline: May 16, 2022

Application Procedure:
Please fill out the Application form and submit via email to: child.nutrition@utoronto.ca

Application documents required:
- Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds School-based Nutrition Fellowships application form
- If a trainee has been identified, please attach a copy of their CV.

Eligibility Guidelines:
1. The Primary Supervisor of the post doctoral fellow must be a University of Toronto faculty and hold a SGS Graduate Faculty Membership: https://facultyandstaff.sgs.utoronto.ca/gfm/faculty-members-a-z/
2. Postdoctoral fellows must have successfully completed a PhD in Public Health, Nutrition, Education, Sociology, and/or related field(s) and at least one year of postdoctoral experience and project management.
3. Domestic and international candidates may apply.
4. Postdoctoral fellows must be supervised by a department’s faculty member and an assigned steering committee member.
5. Steering committee supervisors can be named as primary supervisor for multiple applications of this Program.

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Position: Postdoctoral Fellow - Education
Faculty/Division: Temerty Faculty of Medicine

Department: Joannah and Lawson Centre for Child Nutrition
Campus: St. George (downtown Toronto)

Description:
The Joannah and Brian Lawson Centre for Child Nutrition, at the University of Toronto is seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral researcher with an interest in school foods, public health, nutritional epidemiology, and child/adolescent health. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will work on various aspects as part of a large-scale project, Feeding Kids, Nourishing Minds, focused on evaluating school food programs and developing a national school feeding strategy in Canada. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will be responsible for developing a strategy to pilot-test various aspects of implementing a national school feeding strategy in schools. This position provides the opportunity to develop and expand skills in designing and implementing research and grant proposals and protocols, quantitative and qualitative statistical analysis, creating analytical frameworks and building collaborations with stakeholders (e.g., school boards). The fellow is expected to lead relevant manuscripts for publication and share findings at scientific meetings. All activities will be conducted in close collaboration with investigators and study personnel in Toronto.

Joannah and Lawson Centre for Child Nutrition invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow (Limited Term) appointment. The successful applicant must have the following qualifications:

- PhD in Education, Sociology, nutrition, public health and/or related field(s), and at least one (1) year of postdoctoral experience and project management with demonstrated research excellence in the following academic areas: policy enactment theory and research method, food environment, and child health, children and adolescent focused research. Demonstrated expertise in conducting interviews, statistical analysis and proficiency in software such as SAS, R and MS Applications required. Experience with systematic/scoping reviews and publications of policy-oriented studies and technical reports is an asset.

- Excellence is to be demonstrated through publications in high-quality peer-reviewed journals in education, sociology, nutrition, public health, and/or related fields. It is also essential that the candidate highlight their ability to work independently, e.g., by single-author publications; experience presenting research at national and international conferences (as evidenced through invited seminars/talks). Experience liaising with Institutional Review Board, other regulatory bodies, and academic and government institutions preferred.

- The ideal candidate will be a self-starter, with strong organizational and problem-solving skills, and demonstrate the ability to work independently but also have strong interpersonal and communication skills to be a team player in a multi-disciplinary environment. Must have excellent time-management skills to coordinate multiple/simultaneous projects.
• Key Duties: Designing, planning and executing research projects independently; Supporting Masters and PhDs trainees; Managing projects, including collection of data, arranging/conducting interviews, coordinating transcriptions and analysis of data; Co-ordinating research efforts with collaborators and teams; Leading manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed publications/journals; Writing and assisting with grant submissions; Presenting findings to research peers and collaborators; Maintaining proper documentation of all relevant data and analysis (electronic lab notebooks, reports, etc.).

• Specific responsibilities include:
  o Designing research studies and trials for pilot-testing a national school feeding strategy
  o Develop a recruitment strategy, collect and analyse data and publish/communicate findings
  o Building connections and collaborations with stakeholders including school boards and user groups
  o Supervising other trainees/personnel to coordinate research efforts

• Travel: Limited. The PDF will be expected to present research at academic national or international conferences.

• Limited Notes: This is a 1-year appointment, with the possibility of extension, depending on approval of supervisor based on performance and funding. All individuals interested in this position must arrange for the following items to be submitted: Cover letter, outlining suitability for the project, in particular, by demonstrating excellence in research related to child’s nutrition and health, nutritional policy, and food environment.

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- **Specific responsibilities include:**
  - Systematically identifying and engaging stakeholders to take part in consultations
  - Develop a recruitment strategy, collect and analyse data and publish/communicate findings
  - Cross-collaborate with the team to pilot test school feeding strategy in schools
  - Building connections and collaborations with stakeholders including school boards and user groups
  - Supervise trainees and other personnel to coordinate research efforts

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