



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

JOB POSTING – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Area of Research: Social Attention and Body Image

Description of duties:

Professors Welsh and Sabiston are hiring a postdoctoral research fellow (PDF) to lead collaborative, multidisciplinary research (SSHRC-funded) that explores the relationship between social attention and body image. The successful candidate will work with the investigators and a team of graduate students and undergraduate research assistants. The successful candidate will lead a series of studies designed to understand the way perceptual, affective, cognitive, and behavioural body image factors influence and are affected by the consumption of diverse physique-salient media. A further interest is in how social contexts might impact motor performance. The successful candidate may be given the opportunity to conduct additional interest-driven projects that are consistent with ongoing work in the labs of Professors Welsh and Sabiston (e.g., projects related to the topics of joint action, attention, and/or affective responses to physical activity and physique salient media) and/or that integrate psychological and biobehavioural data.

Required qualifications:

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in kinesiology, psychology, neuroscience or a related field, a strong track record of scholarly achievements for stage of development, and an expertise in collecting and analyzing complex data sets. Experience with eye-tracking and motion capture technology, administering and analyzing questionnaires, multi-variate statistical analyses, and/or computer programming (e.g., in MatLab, Python, or EPrime) is an asset. The candidate should have strong written and verbal communication skills, leadership and organizational skills, and be comfortable working in a team.

University of Toronto and the Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education:

Established in 1827, the University of Toronto is Canada's largest and most research-intensive university, and the only Canadian university to be repeatedly among the top 25 of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Located in and around Toronto, one of the world's most diverse cities, the University of Toronto's vibrant academic life is defined by the intellectual and cultural diversity in its community.

The Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education (KPE) at the University of Toronto has made major contributions to its mission of developing, advancing and disseminating knowledge about physical activity and health and its interactions through, education, research, leadership and the provision of opportunity. With a culturally diverse student body of 1000 undergraduate students and 100 graduate students, as well as 40 faculty members from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, ours is an intellectually rich and supportive community, guided by the highest standards of scholarship with a commitment to equity and social justice.

The successful candidate will join an internationally recognized faculty whose deep commitments to equity and access are reflected in our research, education, policy and practice. We seek scholars who are committed to addressing the pressing challenges facing our country in the area of physical activity and health from one or more of a wide array of methodological and disciplinary perspectives.

Application instructions:

Interested applicants should send a CV, a statement of research interests that includes descriptions of previous experience, current work, and future goals to Professor Tim Welsh - t.welsh@utoronto.ca). Please note that the names and contact details of three referees will be requested.

Posting Date: September 25, 2017

Important date: October 15, 2017 (consideration of applications will begin on October 15, 2017 and will continue until a successful candidate is identified).

Expected start date: Preferred start date is January 1, 2018.

Term: This position is for one year and is renewable based on performance and available funding.

Salary: Minimum rate is \$34,000

FTE: 100%

The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a full-time postdoctoral fellow (pro-rated for those holding a partial appointment) recognizing that the needs of the employee's research and training and the needs of the supervisor's research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee's duties and hours of work.

Please contact Professor Welsh (t.welsh@utoronto.ca) for any additional details.

Employment as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto is covered by the terms of the CUPE 3902 Unit.

This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 5 Collective Agreement.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.