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FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Youth Engagement Coordinator	
Research Project: Mental Health Care among Elite Youth Athletes	
Union: USW 1998 Casual	
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Deadline:	November 7, 2023
Number of Positions:	1
Rate of Pay:	\$25.00/hour
Position Start Date:	November 15, 2023
Position End Date:	May 14, 2024
Number of Hours per week:	Approximately 200 hours over the term of the contract
Classification:	USW Casual
Summary:	<p>This project is funded by the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport and is focused on understanding the issues of help-seeking for mental health concerns among elite youth athletes and families. The project combines evidence-based and innovative research approaches to ensure strong youth, family, and other stakeholder voices in their initiatives.</p> <p>The project is currently seeking a casual Youth Engagement Coordinator. Reporting to Dr. Katherine Tamminen and working closely with a postdoctoral researcher and youth advisors for the project, the successful candidate will draw from their own lived/living experience with mental health challenges (as a patient, consumer, survivor, service user, family member) in sport as well as a broader system level perspective within system and service planning, education and research activities and in the broader community. The Coordinator will work alongside service providers, education, and research staff to ensure that project and program goals,</p>

	<p>staffing, activities and outcomes are more relevant and better reflect the needs of people with lived/living experience. As part of their role, the Coordinator will support the understanding of issues related to help-seeking for mental health concerns among elite youth athletes and families.</p> <p>The Coordinator will be responsible for co-facilitating advisory group meetings, focus groups, and consultations with broader groups of people with lived/living expertise, including supporting a network of Advisors. The Coordinator will work alongside the research team to provide mentorship for Youth Advisors so they are able to actively participate and represent a service user perspective in program activities. The Coordinator will also contribute to knowledge translation and education activities, including the development of trainings, infographics, tip sheets, webinars, videos, etc. The Coordinator will support social media and website engagement and will be responsible for contributing to blog posts and developing newsletters. Successful candidates will also support administrative tasks related to engagement activities as needed, including the recruitment and onboarding of new Advisors to a project-specific youth advisory group.</p> <p>Successful applicants will support a healthy workplace that embraces diversity, equity and inclusion, encourages teamwork and complies with all applicable regulatory and legislative requirements. This position is located at 100 Devonshire Place (Goldring Center for High Performance Sport, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education). The Coordinator will be expected to be able to attend in-person meetings, although some of the work may be completed remotely. This role will require occasional evening and weekend hours.</p> <p>As an employment equity employer, The Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education actively seeks First Nations, Inuit and Métis candidates, those from ethno-cultural backgrounds, women, transgender and gender diverse people, people with disabilities, people with experiences of mental health, and intersecting identities. As a team member, you will ensure that the University values are implemented; particularly regarding anti-oppressive and anti-racist best practices and youth-centredness.</p>
Minimum Qualifications:	<p>Education: Completed high school; completed post-secondary education is an asset; although post-secondary education in-progress is also valuable (e.g., applicants may be current or graduated university or college student).</p> <p>Experience: The Coordinator will be a youth/young adult (aged 18-29) with experience as a high-performance athlete or experience related to sport and high-performance sport systems in Ontario. The Coordinator will have demonstrated prior experience working with youth/young adults and one</p>

	<p>(1) year experience supporting/connecting with people with lived/living experience of mental health in sport. Experience belonging to groups, agencies or organizations related to peer support, or consumer survivor initiatives is an asset. Familiarity with mental health and proven experience in facilitating focus groups or other consultations with a broad range of participants is considered an asset.</p> <p>Experience in supporting safe and meaningful engagement and being open to diverse ways of thinking about, understanding and articulating issues related to mental health is an asset. Proven verbal and written communication skills are required. Professionalism, a positive attitude, and the ability to work effectively as a team member as well as independently are all requirements. Experience of working within a co-creation model, where power-sharing and inclusion among a diverse group of experts are integral to the success of the project, is an asset. Experience in working within participatory action research and/or patient-oriented research is desirable. Successful candidates will possess strong organizational and time management skills. The ability to work with stakeholders of diverse ethno-racial and cultural backgrounds is essential, as is an appreciation of diversity. A high degree of familiarity with Microsoft Office, Teams, Zoom, e-mail, and social media are required.</p> <p>Other: You have sound knowledge of equitable environments and will support and implement anti-oppressive and anti-racist best practices in the workplace and with research participants, youth, and families. You have an understanding of systemic barriers and individual experiences in the sector and have the ability to work with stakeholders of diverse identities and ethno-racial and cultural backgrounds.</p>
Method of Application	Resume and cover letter to be emailed to: katherine.tamminen@utoronto.ca
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