

Research Associate – Anxiety Guideline Development Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health

Full-time (1.0 FTE), one-year contract (may be extended up to 21 months)

Remote, located within Canada (must reside in Canada)

Salary range: \$80,000-90,000 commensurate with experience

The CCSMH's mandate is to promote the mental health of older adults by connecting people, ideas and resources. We are a multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary coalition with over 2,500 members representing clinicians, administrators, researchers, older adults and caregivers. We believe that mental illness is not a normal consequence of aging. All seniors have the right and deserve to receive services and care that promotes their mental health and responds to their needs.

We are hiring a research associate to support the development of national clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of anxiety disorders in older adults. Our objectives for these guidelines are to provide practical and evidence-based recommendations to guide clinicians across Canada in providing high quality mental health care to older adults.

In this role you will work closely with a project co-ordinator, with a working group consisting of seniors' mental health researchers and clinicians, and with project partners, advisors, and external experts. The position is remote and available to any candidates located in and eligible to work in Canada.

As the research associate on the guideline development team, you will bring both methodological and content expertise. You will help to organize, synthesize and present the evidence for review and debate by the working groups. You will play a leading role in the development of recommendations and writing of the clinical practice guidelines. As a key member of the project working group, your role will include:

- Helping to develop guideline protocols and review questions
- Publication screening and data extraction
- Critical and quality appraisal of evidence
- Distilling evidence into tables
- Synthesising evidence into statements and performing GRADE assessments
- Interpretation of findings and report writing
- Presentations to working groups, external review groups and stakeholders
- Contributing to posters and publications

To succeed in this role, you should be focused on a career in health research; you need to be driven, committed and have a strong sense of responsibility. You find purpose being part of an

important and impactful national project and from working with a team dedicated to quality mental health care for older adults. You have a passion for knowledge synthesis and research integrity. You will also need:

- A PhD in a health sciences-related field, or Master's degree with >2 years of research experience
- Previous experience in systematic reviews and/or guideline development is required, including publication of a previous review with responsibility for data extraction and quality appraisal
- Content expertise in mental health and/or methodology expertise in knowledge synthesis are strong assets
- Fluency in English; French language skills would be an asset
- Strong medical writing and critical appraisal skills
- Experience working to deadline
- Excellent organizational and project management skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and initiative to solve problems independently
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team, and to build working relationships with external partners and stakeholders

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Save your cover letter and resume as one document (PDF) and name it "last name_first name_RA_AnxietyGuide"
2. Submit the document to: CCSMHjobs@secretariatcentral.com and put "last name_first name_RA_AnxietyGuide" in the Subject line.