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Department of Psychology
University of Toronto
JOB POSTING – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

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Area of Research: Population Well-being

About the Population Well-being Lab:
The Population Well-being Lab conducts research related to the determinants, consequences, and policy relevance of a satisfying, purposeful, and engaging life. Our Lab uses large existing datasets (with over 8 million participants across the world) to shed light on pressing global issues, including COVID-19, sociopolitical movements, economic justice, international migration, and well-being disparity. To address the wide range of social issues, our Lab highly values the diversity of our team members.

Our Lab has a 'glocal' focus. At the local level, our Lab recently released a Canadian Happiness Report, documenting a worrying decline in happiness in Canada since late 2000s. At the global level, we are currently working on multiple projects related to the well-being impact of war and conflict in collaboration with Syrian and Ukrainian researchers. The long-term goal of these efforts is to develop evidence-based interventions and policies to improve well-being at scale.

For more information, please visit: https://cheung.artsci.utoronto.ca/

Description of duties:
The Population Well-being Lab is seeking applicants to join us as a postdoctoral fellow, specifically to increase our research capacity on war and conflict. The postdoctoral fellow will gain access to several large existing datasets (including the Gallup World Poll, with over 2 million participants from over 160 countries). The postdoctoral fellow will be responsible for:
- conducting literature review on population well-being
- designing studies
- analyzing and managing data
- mentoring lab members
- communicating with our international collaborators
- summarizing research findings in written or verbal reports

The Lab is committed to all lab members' success. The duties and responsibilities of the post-doctoral fellow will be tailored to contribute to the candidate's long-term goal. As examples, mentorship related to grant-getting, job market, and science communication will be available.

Salary: $45,000 - $55,000, plus benefits

Required qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in Psychology or a related field (e.g., economics, epidemiology, data science, political science) by the position's start date.
- Commitment in open science practices.
- Experience and expertise in statistical methods and software.
- Excellent communication skills.

Preferred qualifications:
- Expertise in multilevel modeling and/or other advanced statistical techniques.
- Expertise in research related to subjective well-being and/or war and conflict.
- Expertise in causal inference, especially in the context of observational studies.
- A keen interest in science communication and advocacy.

Application instructions

All individuals interested in this position must submit a CV, 3 references, 3 representative publications, and a 1-page single-spaced research statement to f.cheung@utoronto.ca.

Closing date: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until a suitable candidate is selected.

Supervisor: Felix Cheung

Expected start date: Flexible start dates during 2022

Term: 1 year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year

FTE:

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.

Employment as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto is covered by the terms of the CUPE 3902 Unit 5 Collective Agreement.

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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.