



**Clinical Research Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Child Emotion & Mental Health Lab at the University of Guelph and The Margaret and Wallace McCain Centre for Child, Youth and Family Mental Health at CAMH**

Dr. Kristel Thomassin, Director of the Child Emotion and Mental Health lab at the University of Guelph, and Drs. Andrade and Aitken at CAMH, are seeking an outstanding candidate for a Clinical Research Postdoctoral Fellowship. The Fellow will participate in the development and implementation of a large-scale clinical trial testing the biobehavioural regulation of negative emotion as a transdiagnostic mechanism of change in psychotherapy for child anxiety, depression, and disruptive behavior. The trial will identify mechanisms that underlie treatment success, failure, and non-response, and apply this knowledge to inform ways to tailor treatment. This 2-site trial is being conducted at The MapleWoods Centre for Family Therapy and Child Psychology at the University of Guelph and the Margaret and Wallace McCain Centre for Child, Youth and Family Mental Health at CAMH. Study participants will be recruited through both sites, and the Fellow will help with site coordination.

The successful candidate will work closely with the project principal investigators: Dr. Kristel Thomassin at the University of Guelph and Drs. Brendan Andrade and Madison Aitken at the Margaret and Wallace McCain Centre for Child, Youth and Family Mental Health at CAMH.

**Position Responsibilities and Opportunities**

The Fellow will work collaboratively with a dynamic and passionate research team and directly with study PIs (Drs. Thomassin, Andrade, and Aitken) to direct and oversee this clinical trial. Responsibilities will include:

- participating in the development and implementation of clinical trial research;
- providing clinical training to mental healthcare providers;
- implementing supervised treatment with children and families;
- data management, quality assurance, and analysis;
- training and oversight of students and research assistants;
- provision of support and supervision for required ethics approvals, data collection protocols and tools, and data collection;
- active collaboration with knowledge users and development of knowledge mobilization approaches;
- exposure to novel machine learning techniques to identify algorithms that predict treatment course and outcome.

Opportunities may also include up to 1 day per week to be involved in direct clinical services as part of supervised practice. Supervision for supervised practice is available through the direct supervision of study cases as part of the clinical trial and of other direct clinical services. Participation in direct clinical services is feasible at the Maplewoods Centre for Family Therapy and Child Psychology on the University of Guelph Campus, a novel and innovative training hub, both provincially and nationally, that embodies a unique collaboration between the professions of Clinical Child Psychology and Family Therapy. Other

opportunities also include access to datasets for manuscripts, grant writing mentorship, and support for the Fellow to develop an independent program of research.

### **Skills and Qualifications required**

Minimum qualifications:

- PhD in Clinical Psychology, including a CPA accredited predoctoral internship by the time of appointment (September 2022)
- Clinical experience working with children and families
- Clinical experience implementing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for mood and anxiety disorders or Behavioral Parent Training for disruptive behavior
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work collaboratively with others
- Very organized and detail-oriented
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- The ability to produce academic papers and conference presentations

Preferred qualifications and skills:

- Previous experience supervising research assistants
- Previous training in and experience with the provision of clinical supervision
- Teaching experience and/or experience delivering workshops
- Experience conducting statistical analyses relevant to clinical trials (e.g., SEM, HLM)

### **Terms of fellowship**

The anticipated start date is September 2022. The fellowship position is for 1 year, with the possibility of renewal pending funding availability. It is expected that the Fellow will also apply for tri-council postdoctoral fellowships, for which support will be provided.

Salary is \$50,000 plus benefits and a conference allowance.

### **How to apply**

Submit the following to Dr. Kristel Thomassin at [Kristel.Thomassin@uoguelph.ca](mailto:Kristel.Thomassin@uoguelph.ca):

- 1) A cover letter describing your fit with this position, your range of research and clinical interests, and career goals
- 2) Your C.V.
- 3) The names and contact information for three academic or professional references

### **About the City of Guelph and The University of Guelph**

Located in southwestern Ontario (100 km west of Toronto), the City of Guelph is ranked as one of the Top Ten Places to live in Canada. Guelph – a city of approximately 130,000 people – offers the opportunity to live in a community with small-town charm while providing amenities for families and single adults alike. Guelph is a vibrant community and home to a lively downtown core, thriving cultural communities, diverse recreational activities, numerous shopping facilities, and a variety of special events.

The University of Guelph is a top-ranked comprehensive university in Canada with an enrolment of about 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students across approximately 40 academic units. The University is known for its commitment to student learning, innovative research, and collaboration with world-class partners. The unique combination of transformative research and innovative teaching

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creates a distinctive campus culture that is widely sought after. People who learn and work here are shaped and inspired by a shared purpose: To Improve Life. Reflecting that shared purpose, the university community seeks to create positive change, here and around the world. Our University community shares a profound sense of social responsibility, a drive for international development, and an obligation to address global issues.

The University of Guelph acknowledges the Attawandaron people on whose traditional territory the University of Guelph resides and offers our respect to our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis neighbours as we strive to strengthen our relationships with them.

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion (<http://bit.ly/2yVClqd>) is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution.

### **About CAMH**

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is Canada's largest mental health teaching hospital and one of the world's leading research centres in its field. CAMH is fully affiliated with the University of Toronto and is a Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Collaborating Centre.

With a dedicated staff of more than 3,000 physicians, clinicians, researchers, educators and support staff, CAMH offers outstanding clinical care to more than 34,000 patients each year. The organization conducts groundbreaking research, provides expert training to health care professionals and scientists, develops innovative health promotion and prevention strategies, and advocates on public policy issues at all levels of government. And through our Foundation, we're working to raise tens of millions of additional dollars to fund new programs and research and augment services.