Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) University of Calgary
Salary $40,000 plus benefits

Hidden Costs/Invisible Contributions: Marginalization of Dependent Adults.

Applications are invited from recent PhD graduates to work with a leading, multidisciplinary research team. The purpose of the Hidden Costs/Invisible Contributions research program is to create a deeper understanding of the place in society of those currently characterized as ‘dependent’—specifically older adults and adults with chronic illness/disability. The project will generate knowledge about both the costs and contributions of these populations, and about the relevance of the gender, social, political, historic, cultural and literary contexts within which these costs and contributions occur. From this understanding will emerge a more humane analytical framework for envisioning policy and practice solutions to the challenges of demographic change.

‘Hidden Costs/Invisible Contributions’ is a large multidisciplinary research project involving Investigators from Canada, the Netherlands, United States, and Great Britain. The 5 year program, now at its half-way point, is managed out of the Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta, but this Post-Doctoral Fellowship will be available at the University of Calgary. The research spans four interconnected themes: costs, contributions, policies and contexts within which the costs and contributions of older adults and adults with disabilities are situated. For the Calgary position, applicants should have strong quantitative analysis skills and research interests in examining the role of culture and ethnicity in caregiving for disabled and/or older adults.

Successful candidates will work collaboratively with some of the world’s leading thinkers on costs, contributions and contexts of ‘dependent’ populations, engaging in a wide range of research activities: sample selection; data collection, manipulation and analysis using both qualitative and quantitative approaches; textual and cultural analysis; critical theorizing; historical research; and dissemination to a variety of academic, policy, practice and lay audiences. More than that, participants will have the unique experience afforded by membership in a large, international and multidisciplinary research team. Integration, innovation and collaboration are hallmarks of the team’s work.

Applications are invited from recent PhD graduates for a one year position, with possible extension for an additional year, dependent on funding and performance. A Post-doc will be associated with one or more Faculty Members for the purpose of research collaboration The compensation package comprises a base salary of $40,000 per annum, plus benefits. Teaching opportunities may be negotiated for individuals interested in enhancing their teaching dossier. Applicants will have an excellent academic record, including superior research skills and a beginning record of publication. The postdoctoral fellow will function as a junior investigator, participating fully in research and related scholarly activities, and is expected to work closely and cooperatively with the research team, assume leadership, and participate in mentoring of graduate students and complete research projects. Interested applicants from the social sciences, humanities, health and other relevant disciplines should submit an application consisting of a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Janet Fast PhD, Professor, Human Ecology 3-02, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB CANADA T6G 2N1 (janet.fast@ualberta.ca); fax 780-492-4821. Please contact Lori Moran, Project Manager, for further information (lori.moran@ualberta.ca) Visit our website: http://www.hecol.ualberta.ca/HCIC/people.htm