### POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW POSITION
### AT YORK UNIVERSITY

#### Job Information

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<th>Postdoctoral Fellow in Psychosocial Oncology</th>
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<td><strong>Position Category</strong></td>
<td>Postdoctoral Visitor</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Supervisor(s)</strong></td>
<td>Dr. Karen Fergus</td>
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<td><strong>Unit</strong></td>
<td>Psychosocial Oncology Lab</td>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>Department of Psychology, York University, Keele Campus</td>
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#### Background

The Psychosocial Oncology (PSO) lab, housed within the Department of Psychology at York University and cross-affiliated with the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre, specializes in the study of the psychosocial and existential impacts of cancer across the lifecycle. We employ qualitative and mixed-methods approaches to acquire in-depth understanding of the lived experience of cancer from individual and interpersonal perspectives. These findings in turn inform the development and testing of interventions to support coping and adjustment processes in relation to cancer (i.e., individual, couple, group and/or online). Our work addresses all types of cancer with an emphasis on: patient-caregiver relationships; body image and sexuality; couple resiliency and dyadic adjustment processes; young women’s issues; and illness-related loss and grief. Our research undertakings benefit from a long history of interprofessional collaboration with nurses, physicians and other health care practitioners based at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Research in the PSO lab is undertaken with an appreciation for sociocultural, contextual, and structural factors contributing to coping and adjustment to cancer.

This position offers an early career social scientist an exceptional opportunity to further their research interests within the growing field of Psychosocial Oncology, and to establish a program of research in this area. The successful candidate will possess excellent writing and research skills, and ideally be versed in qualitative as well as quantitative methods.

#### Overall Purpose of Postdoctoral Position

As a team member with the Psychosocial Oncology Lab, under the guidance of Dr. Karen Fergus, the Postdoctoral Fellow will contribute to research in the broad field of psychosocial oncology with an emphasis on (1) the caregiver-patient relationship and couple adjustment processes, and/or (2) women's health and post-treatment adaptation utilizing narrative, discursive and survey-based techniques. Another area of focus is on the patient- family- health-care system interface and ways of improving patient and caregiver experiences while receiving active treatment. More specifically, the Postdoctoral Fellow in the PSO lab will be responsible for literature reviews (e.g., systematic, scoping, narrative); data analysis; writing and manuscript preparation; conceptualization and development of extension studies; grant writing; and provision of mentorship, supervision and support to students.

#### Key Responsibilities

The Postdoctoral Visitor will contribute to:

- advancing existing projects and studies based in the PSO lab
- conceptualizing future studies in keeping with the PSO lab’s values and focus
- managing and analyzing data using qualitative and/or quantitative approaches
- grant writing – including literature reviews, study design, data analysis planning, and budget drafting

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• disseminating and translating knowledge arising from PSO lab research through manuscript writing and web-based and other innovative applications
• fostering collaborations internal and external to York
• mentoring graduate and honours student and volunteers
• participating in the recruitment of new lab members
• providing support to lab members on a day-to-day basis.

Skills and Qualifications

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<th>Educational Qualifications</th>
<th>Applicants must have completed all requirements for a PhD in psychology or a relevant social science field (e.g., public health, women’s studies, interdisciplinary studies, critical disabilities studies)</th>
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| Training/Experience Required | • Passion for research - study design, conceptualization, execution, analysis, writing and knowledge dissemination
• Strong research track-record (relative to career stage)
• Experience in both quantitative and qualitative research paradigms
• Outstanding research skills in relation to primary methodological approach (be that qualitative or quantitative)
• Exceptional academic writing skills
• Exceptional organizational, interpersonal, communication, and problem-solving skills
• Experience with vulnerable populations considered an asset
• Research experience in oncology, other serious illness or trauma an asset but not a requirement. |

Terms and Conditions

This postdoctoral position based in the Psychosocial Oncology Laboratory will be for up to 2 years in length minimum; Salary: $50,000/year + benefits

How to Apply

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents:
• A cover letter
• A detailed and up to date CV
• Names and contact information for three references

Please submit all documents by email to Dr. Karen Fergus at kfergus@yorku.ca. Applications will be reviewed for suitability as they are received. Applicants considered to be well-qualified for the position will be contacted for an interview.

This position is available immediately. Please note only those applicants selected for consideration will be contacted.