



SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION HEALTH AND EVALUATION RESEARCH UNIT

University
of Regina



INTERNAL SEARCH for RESEARCHER and LEADER Director of the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU)

The Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit is looking for a Director. This is an exceptional opportunity for a talented researcher to lead and shape the future of an interdisciplinary population health research centre of excellence in Saskatchewan.

SPHERU is a two-university research unit committed to interdisciplinary population health intervention research aimed at reducing health inequalities across various populations in Saskatchewan. SPHERU's interdisciplinary researchers have been involved in over 100 research projects since its founding in 2000 and been awarded \$15.5 million in tri-council and other funding.

At present SPHERU researchers hold funding from both Saskatchewan universities, the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and other sources. These funds support the operation of the SPHERU offices at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina and in Prince Albert.

SPHERU's Director will be a researcher of reputation, eligible for national level funding, and have an in-depth of knowledge of Tri-Council and SHRF funding requirements. The Director will have the knowledge and ability to lead research initiatives in collaboration with other SPHERU Researchers as well as to support initiatives led by others at the unit. SPHERU's Director must also have the ability to recruit and guide high quality colleagues from a variety of disciplines, and the skills to establish relationships with key academic, health and health care constituencies. A background in and commitment to fostering a highly collaborative research environment with both fellow researchers and with Saskatchewan communities is essential.

The successful candidate will already be a tenured Associate Professor or Professor at either university and will continue to have an association with their academic unit. SPHERU will negotiate with the successful candidate and their home unit suitable terms for the appointment. The appointment as Director will initially be for a three-year renewable term.

The Director's overall responsibility will be to sustain and deepen a culture of "engaged participatory research" that will influence health practice and policy across all of the sectors that determine health, with particular attention to the provincial Health Research Strategy (<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca>).

A more extensive description of SPHERU is available at <http://www.spheru.ca> or by contacting:

Dr. Tom McIntosh, Interim Director of SPHERU, University of Regina, Regina, SK S4S 0A2 or tom.mcintosh@uregina.ca

Applications (consisting of a cover letter outlining qualifications and relevant past experience, a full academic CV, and the names of three referees) can be sent to either:

Dr. Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice President (Research), University of Regina, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina, SK S4S 0A2;
or

Dr. Jim Thornhill, Acting AVP Health Research (University of Saskatchewan) & VP Research and Innovation, Saskatoon Health Region, Room 247 Atrium Building, Innovation Place, 111 Research Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 3R2

Closing date for this opportunity is **March 31, 2013**, but may be extended.