Assistant Professor – Gerontological Social Work

The Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto (FIFSW) invites applications for a tenure-stream position in Gerontological Social Work at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin July 1, 2018.

The successful candidate will also be eligible to for an appointment at the Baycrest, Rotman Research Institute.

Candidates must possess a PhD in Social Work or a related field from an accredited university by time of appointment or shortly thereafter. The ideal candidate will have an emerging reputation in research in social work, brain health and aging. He/She should also be a talented instructor with the demonstrated capacity to inspire students to pursue research and clinical careers in gerontological social work. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative research at the highest international level and to establish an externally funded research program. Evidence of excellence in teaching is required as demonstrated by a teaching dossier outlining experience and accomplishments, a teaching statement, and strong letters of reference. Excellence in research is also required as evidenced by publications in top-ranked and field-relevant academic journals or a research pipeline that is at high international levels, presentations at major conferences, along with strong endorsements from referees of high international standing. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The successful candidate will be responsible for developing a new and innovative program of research and education in gerontological social work spanning the University of Toronto’s FIFSW and the major geriatric teaching hospital/facility – Baycrest – affiliated with the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine. The nature of this position allows for a true integration across education, research and practice, at both the MSW and PhD levels and supports continuing education and professional development of gerontological social workers. The aim is to create a novel and unique environment for continued and future excellence in gerontological social work. Linkages within Baycrest are facilitated and supported by the Katz Centre for Gerontological Social Work.

The Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto’s St. George campus is distinguished by its emphasis on the integration of research and practice in both the classroom and its practicum education. As the oldest school of social work in Canada, the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work has been on the cutting edge of education, policy, research and practice for almost 100 years. Recognized as one of the leading social work research faculties in North America, we are highly involved in promoting excellence in social work practice and policy development. Teaching in the Faculty is enriched by the internationally recognized research of faculty members which is designed to help governments, agencies and communities effectively address real world challenges. The University of Toronto, St. George Campus offers the opportunity to teach, conduct research and live in one of the most diverse cities in the world.
Located in north Toronto, Baycrest is one of the world’s premier academic health science centres focused on aging. Through its strengths in research and education, Baycrest is using the power of inquiry and discovery to improve the health of tomorrow’s elderly while at the same time care for and enhance the quality of life of the elderly today. The research at Baycrest has a primary focus on maintenance of brain health, treatment of neurological dysfunction from disorders associated with aging, and understanding the impact of brain disorders on caregivers and family members. The Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest is considered one of the top five cognitive neuroscience institutes in the world, and has a research mandate that spans basic mechanisms in human cognition to applied and evaluative research focused on the prevention, rehabilitation, treatment, and overall care in brain health and aging. Together the Rotman Research Institute and Baycrest are giving the world a whole new understanding – and new hope – about interventions and prevents that could transform aging.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy) and a statement outlining current and future research interests. If you have questions about this position, please contact socialwork.admin@utoronto.ca. All application materials should be submitted online.

Review of applications will begin on October 16, 2017, and we strongly encourage candidates to submit their application before this date if they would like to be considered for the first round of review. However applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. We recommend combining documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format.

Applicants should also ask three referees to send letters (on letterhead, signed and scanned) directly to the department via e-mail to socialwork.admin@utoronto.ca. Applications without references will not be considered.

For more information on the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work please visit http://www.socialwork.utoronto.ca/about-us/. For more information on Baycrest, Rotman Research Institute please visit http://www.baycrest.org/research/.

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.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.