

## JOB POSTING

### *Executive Research Director (Epidemiology)*

**Introduction:** Simon Fraser University Faculty of Health Sciences, the University of Manitoba, and the Canadian National Microbiology Laboratory have partnered with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) to conduct a research study entitled “*NTC COVID-19 Vaccine Study into Immune Response, Effectiveness and Safety*”. The project will help NTC learn the extent to which community members are protected by the COVID-19 vaccine (knowledge that will support current and future planning of health services and programs).

We have an excellent opportunity for a strong PhD student of epidemiology who is nearing completion of their dissertation or a post-doctoral researcher who would value a scientific leadership role in a First Nations governed and directed, community-based research project. It’s an opportunity to join an exciting emerging community of research practice grounded in Nuu-chah-nulth culture, governed by NCN values, and building upon the First Nations Information Governance Centre principles of ownership, control, access, and possession (OCAP®).

This will be a productive project with multiple opportunities for community-directed and scientific publications and presentations as first and co-author for the Executive Research Director (Epidemiology).

**Location:** We are a remote-first team, and our team members work remotely across Canada. With our hybrid model, our team members will have the option to continue to work remotely or work in our office from time to time (when it is safe to do so). Our office is currently located in downtown Vancouver, BC! Some travel may be required if/when safe to do so.

**The Position:** We are looking for a full-time **Executive Research Director (Epidemiology)** to oversee all epidemiological aspects of executing the research study. This will include modifications to study protocols due to unforeseen conditions in the field. The ideal candidate will be a PhD student of epidemiology or related field. This is a term position to March 31, 2023, with a salary of \$90,000 per year. Some work on Vancouver Island is possible.

**Responsibilities:** Key responsibilities of the position:

- Ensures proper application of epidemiological theory to research implementation and maintains high epidemiological and ethical standards in execution of the study via scientific leadership of the field team.
- Oversees aspects of study initiation, development, and operational conduct, including coordinating study documentation, and ensuring that staff members are meeting requirements.
- Ensures accurate and timely data collection of required study information and maintains an audit program to achieve quality assurance.
- Provides strategic advice to research leadership regarding study design, implementation, analysis, and knowledge translation/mobilization.

- Leads, directs, and supports the Field Epidemiologist based at NTC, who in turn will direct day-to-day field team activities including oversight of Community-Based Researchers, Community Support Workers, and Phlebotomists.
- Facilitates the integration of data collection and systems across a geography that spans 14 First Nations divided into three regions on Vancouver Island to encourage information sharing and exchange
- Supports the partnership (3) in navigating Ethics Approval requirements for the research.

**Requirements:** Valued qualifications are advanced training in epidemiology; lived or work experience with First Nations in BC and principles of cultural safety.

- Prior experience in epidemiological data collection, analysis, and publication.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and management experience or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Experience in an Indigenous health service provision and/or research setting is highly valued.
- Excellent understanding of ethical principles of Indigenous health research.
- Excellent understanding of epidemiological research methods.
- Excellent supervisory, coaching, team management, and mentorship/leadership skills.
- Excellent organizational, analytical reasoning, problem-solving, and time management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and intercultural skills.
- Excellent communication (oral and written) and presentation skills.
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality, exercise initiative, diplomacy, and discretionary judgment.

**Interested?**

Please send a cover letter summarizing your qualifications and your CV to Sherry Lipp, Research Project Manager: sherry\_lipp@sfu.ca. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The application deadline is January 27, 2021 (or until the position is filled).