



The “Weaving Our Wisdoms” (WOW) Study: Using lessons from being on the land Approach to Optimize Whole-istic Health among Indigenous People Living with HIV

WOW Study Research Coordinator Job Posting

As a partnership between the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, the University of Toronto and Indigenous People living with HIV (IPHAs), this 3-phase study will develop, investigate and disseminate lessons from being on the land which is designed to optimize wellness and “whole”-istic health among Indigenous people living with HIV (IPHAs). During phase 1, we used Indigenous and community-based research principles to develop a land-based approach to wellness for IPHAs, specifically with First Nations people living in western Canada. In phase 2, we are investigating how IPHAs perceive being on the land as a way to build capacity to optimize their whole-istic wellness. We are currently in the middle of phase 2, which involves using participatory analysis to interpret and reflect on data collected during phase 1. In phase 3, we will use what we’ve learned from the Indigenous approaches we have explored in order to “weave our wisdoms” with others across Canada (e.g., by expanding to include Métis and Inuit communities) to explore the transferability of lessons from this land-based approach to other Indigenous communities.

The WOW Research Coordinator has an integral role to play in this research project, including supporting the research team, Community Research Associates and the WOW Steering Committee who guide this study. The WOW Research Coordinator will ideally be located in Saskatoon, Toronto or Halifax, but this is flexible with the right candidate. Weekly meetings will occur with the Nominated Principal Investigator to support the Research Coordinator and the project overall. The successful candidate must be willing and able to travel (occasionally on evenings and weekends too), if government restrictions are lifted during this study and if in-person processes are deemed safe for all involved.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Coordinate a large team in a multi-year project;
- Facilitate communication and coordination between team members and between team and community members;
- Assist in engaging Indigenous people living with HIV;
- Assist with data collection/entry/analysis;
- Assist with ethics application processes;
- Plan and coordinate logistics for the project (e.g., travel, arrange meetings);
- Contribute to capacity building opportunities;
- Lead knowledge translation activities (e.g., conference or community

- presentations);
- Perform all reporting requirements required by the project and funding agency;
 - Other duties as required of this position.

Qualifications:

- A graduate degree in social sciences, health sciences or a related discipline, or equivalent work and life experience;
- Must have experience in Indigenous community-based health research;
- Understanding and knowledge of the Indigenous HIV/AIDS epidemic in Canada;
- Knowledge of community-based research, Indigenous and decolonizing methodologies;
- Experience conducting literature reviews, data collection, university ethics applications and writing for both research and community audiences;
- Experience with participatory and community-based participatory analysis;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Strong ability to analyze and translate research results effectively;
- Apply open-minded attitudes/respect toward individuals from varying walks of life;
- Excellent verbal and written communication (ability to speak French or an Indigenous language are considered to be assets);
- Ability to communicate virtually over a variety of platforms.

**Priority will be given to an Indigenous person, with preference of hiring someone who is living with HIV.*

*To apply, please email a cover letter and resume or CV to sherrip@caan.ca by **November 30, 2020 at 4pm CST**. Please address your cover letter to Sherri Pooyak.*

No phone calls please.