



Patient-oriented Research Project Description

Project Title: Child-Sized Knowledge Translation

Project PI: Dr. Shazhan Amed

Start and End Dates: 2019-09-04 to 2020-04-30

Position Type: Paid \$15/hr Volunteer

Hours per Week: < 5

Number of Openings: 2

Clinical Research Area: Pediatrics

Location: [BC Children's Hospital](#)

Experience Level: BSc MSc MD PhD MD-PhD PDF

Keywords: Knowledge translation, online child health KT platform

Project Description:

Child-Sized KT was established several years ago as a collaboration of researchers and clinician-scientists at BC Children's Hospital (BCCH) interested in advancing knowledge translation (KT) in pediatrics. An online child health KT platform is the project that emerged and as it has evolved, new expertise in informatics, strategic innovation and the family experience has been added to improve the diversity and accomplish the objectives. Child-Sized KT has two family partners that guide the current direction and objectives. The project is looking to add a team member and advisor with first-hand experience with care at BCCH or their community programs.

Candidate's Role & Specific Tasks:

The Child-Sized KT team is large and diverse. Through the development of an online platform the project aims to provide opportunities for patients and families to actively participate as partners in research, from developing the question, to designing the study, to sharing new knowledge. The impact will be research that is important and responsive to the needs of children and families. The student will have the opportunity to inform the project/design as an equal team member and gain experience on a multi-stakeholder project.

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Co-design for an online family portal for the Child-Sized KT platform will use child/family partner stories and gaming features (e.g. point scoring, badges, missions, communities) to motivate children and families to learn about health research, why their involvement is important, and how to access research opportunities. All aspects of Child-Sized KT will occur in partnerships with children and families, researchers and health professionals, so that it truly meets the needs of its end-users. Students should be able to offer a fresh perspective/experience and advise the team on current engagement strategies (online outreach and design).

The student will also attend quarterly team meetings, review, comment, and advise on emailed project materials (grants, educational module content, graphics and gamification elements). The student will potentially present the project at research rounds and community events.

Mentorship Opportunities:

Trainees will work closely with the research manager and coordinator. These staff are experienced at providing support and guidance for other staff and students. The trainee will also be connected with the team leads, Drs. Amed, Brussoni and Stephanie Glegg at Sunny Hill for smaller team meetings. The larger team will meet quarterly and they will have the opportunity to interact and collaborate with a range of members from across the site. It is important for the trainee to commit to the full 8 months.

Application Instructions:

Required documents: Cover Letter Resume Transcript Class Schedule Other

In the cover letter provide a description of personal patient/family experience with BC Children's Hospital and/or involvement in community based family programs.

If interested, please direct any further queries or the required documents to PI, Dr. Shazhan Amed (email: childsizedkt@bcchr.ca), or the Research Manager, Dawn Mount (email: dmount@bcchr.ca).