













Student Research Assistant Opportunity December 2024

Project Title: Enhancing mental health promotion for the rural and remote health emergency management workforce in British Columbia, Canada

Nominated Principal Applicant: Chris G. Buse, PhD, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Co-investigators: Sinead Earley, PhD (UNBC); Katrina Plamondon, PhD (UBC); Kiffer Card (SFU); Maya Gislason (SFU)

Partners: Northern Health; Interior Health; Mental Health and Climate Change Alliance; Health and Emergency Management BC

Funder: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Remuneration and Time Commitment: \$30/hr + 4% vacation pay; 10 hours/week

The Opportunity: We are looking for a motivated student to join our interdisciplinary team as a research assistant to support a study aiming to improve mental health promotion of the health system emergency management workforce as they face ongoing challenges related to burnout from the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and concurrent and cascading climate-related emergency events. The goal of this study is to review leading practices for mental health promotion training, and engage practitioners to better understand organizational determinants of mental health in the workplace. Specific tasks include:

- Supporting an environmental scan of workplace mental health promotion materials for emergency response workers
- Providing logistical support to our pan-provincial team (e.g. setting up meetings, coordinating data collection across sites, participating in interdisciplinary team discussions)
- Supporting data collection by conducting qualitative interviews and focus groups
- Qualitative data analysis
- Report and publication writing
- Supporting planning activities for knowledge translation events

Supervision and Contact: This is a co-supervised position across multiple research sites, with co-supervision under Dr. Sinead Earley (UNBC; sinead.earley@unbc.ca) and Dr. Chris Buse (SFU; cbuse@sfu.ca). Questions related to the position as advertised at UNBC can be directed towards Dr. Earley (sinead.earley@unbc.ca)