

One Health Modelling Network for Emerging Infections (OMNI)

POSITION TITLE: MANAGER OMNI/RÉUNIS

TERM: May 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023

SALARY: \$30-40 PER HOUR

Note: Initially this position will begin remotely, though the manager will be expected to be working from campus when York University resumes normal operations.

OVERALL DESCRIPTION

Under the general supervision of the Director, this position will liaise with academic partners within the grant as well as with public health and animal health stakeholders. The successful candidate will represent OMNI/RÉUNIS in the broader infectious disease modelling consortium and be a representative of the network. The result-driven Manager will oversee the operations of OMNI/RÉUNIS to ensure the project is implemented and stays compliant on spending and reporting. The position will organize network events and engagement activities for highly qualified personnel training and research dissemination.

The network is a multi-university, transdisciplinary initiative aimed at improving public health strategies for managing and mitigating emerging and infectious diseases using a One Health perspective. This is done through 1) curation and analysis of infection-related data in humans, animals and the environment; 2) mathematical modelling of detection, emergence, and continuation of infectious agents; 3) commitment to understanding and working with indigenous communities to identify unique transmission dynamics and mitigation strategies; 4) training a generation of HQP with interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary skills in One Health and Public Health; and 5) work with public health and animal health stakeholders to promote and educate on infectious diseases as well as produce evidence-based policy.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Oversee the operations of the OMNI/RÉUNIS network and collaborate closely with internal and external stakeholders including world-class experts in mathematical modelling, public health, animal health and one health to ensure the project is implemented and stays compliant on spending and reporting.
2. Provide operational leadership and overall strategic development of OMNI/RÉUNIS, creating a collaborative partnership culture across Universities and sectors. This includes full leadership accountability for direct reports to staff and managing external vendor deliverables, relationships and negotiations.
3. Exercise considerable independent managerial discretion in the development, refinement and execution of policies and protocols within the OMNI/RÉUNIS, in collaboration with the principal director, the two co-principal directors and board of directors. Key focus of efforts will also include maintaining compliance, education and communication and managing related change within the OMNI/RÉUNIS network. The candidate will demonstrate leadership to support the long-term growth of the research initiatives, training and collaboration within OMNI/RÉUNIS.
4. Navigate competing priorities and make decisions that meet the objectives of OMNI/RÉUNIS and York University, as well as that of external stakeholders.
5. Develop and leverage relationships with diverse stakeholders to meet the program deliverables and facilitate growth of the OMNI/RÉUNIS network.

Education:

Graduate degree in STEM or health-related disciplines

Experience:

Experience managing larger programs of academic, science, animal health or public health networks would be an asset

Skills:

- Writing experience for grant proposals and technical documents for expert and non-expert audiences
- Knowledge of financial systems and controls (federal, provincial and local); budget management and project management according to the PMBOK framework
- Familiarity with and/or experience in the mathematics and health sectors; government; York University; Industry; and health (animal or human) sector stakeholders, preferably in the context of emerging or infectious disease
- Ability to work independently, confidentially and to accept responsibility for complex and sensitive decision-making as it relates to the overall conduct of the OMNI/RÉUNIS network
- High degree of analytic ability to manage the financial and human resources aspects of the position
- Current knowledge of laws and regulations pertaining to research administration
- Ability to interpret, analyze and disseminate critical information to OMNI/RÉUNIS and other stakeholders
- Strategic, global thinker with a deep commitment to promoting positive impact through research and policy and the ability to influence, inspire confidence, build consensus and work successfully with varied audiences
- Experience in managing training and capacity-building network
- Previous experience and demonstrated successes in building coalition or alliances of partners and developing robust multi-disciplinary collaborations
- Demonstrated track record of success in building, leading, facilitating and managing partnerships; demonstrated ability to build and maintain relationships with a wide array of health experts, stakeholders and thought leaders
- Well-developed understanding of the health landscape in Canada and key issues in partnerships, with the ability to recognize emerging issues, assess opportunities, and coordinate stakeholders
- An understanding of some aspects of animal production and infection surveillance systems is an asset.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to interact with senior administrative staff in mathematical, public health and animal health disciplines to foster collaborative research activities
- Bilingual person is an ideal asset
- Responsible management experience in a related field, Canadian experience is an asset

The University welcomes applications from all qualified individuals, including individuals within the University's employment equity categories of women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and aboriginal persons, individuals of diverse gender and sexual orientation and all groups protected by the Human Rights Code. York University is committed to employment equity and diversity and a positive and supportive environment. York University offers accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment processes. If you are contacted by York University regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation.

Applicants should submit in one PDF file:

- A signed letter of application that includes details about the relevance of the applicant's experience and reasons to apply to this position
- A current resume
- A writing sample, such as an activity summary document that would be read by internal and external stakeholders
- The names and contact information for three referees

Please direct any questions and submit completed applications to omni-reunis@yorku.ca by **April 15, 2021** or until the role is filled.