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| **Job Information** | |
| Position Title | Research Associate in Population Health Law & Policy |
| Category | Research associate |
| Supervisor(s) | Dr. A.M. Viens & Dr. Mary Wiktorowicz |
| Unit | School of Global Health |
| Location | Keele Campus, York University |
| **Background** | |
| Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a problem of the global commons, whose resolution depends on coordination of collective global strategy. Addressing the challenges posed by AMR through a One Health approach relies on intersectoral policy coordination internationally – across public health, agricultural, and environmental policy networks – making stewardship complex and necessitating new approaches to law and policy development.  This research project seeks to address these issues through a comparative analysis that will identify innovative international policy, legal, and regulatory approaches in high-, medium- and low-income case study countries taking a One Health approach to antibiotic stewardship governance and policy.  This position will primarily focus on undertaking a legal epidemiological analysis to provide policy surveillance and mapping of relevant international and national law and policies that have been enacted in relation to antibiotic stewardship. Legal surveillance and mapping of the different regulatory interventions will allow for the systematic monitoring of the legal landscape in a way that helps to explain and analyze the different decisions, rules, and institutions that shape the governance of antibiotic stewardship. The position will also support an institutional analysis involving key informant interviews of Canadian and transnational stakeholders from human and animal health, agricultural and environmental governance systems involved in antibiotic stewardship. | |
| **Overall Purpose of Postdoctoral Position** | |
| We are looking to appoint a full-time research associate for 12 months on a JPIAMR-funded project entitled, Designing One Health Governance for Antimicrobial Stewardship Interventions (DESIGN). The position will provide an opportunity for an exceptional candidate to conduct research in population health (i.e., public health and/or global health) law and policy.  The research associate will report to and work with [Dr. A.M. Viens](https://www.yorku.ca/health/globalhealth/faculty-research/faculty-members/a-m-viens/) (School of Global Health), as well as work collaboratively with [Dr. Mary Wiktorowicz](https://www.yorku.ca/health/globalhealth/faculty-research/faculty-members/mary-wiktorowicz/) (School of Global Health and Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research) and other international research team members on the DESIGN project. It is envisioned that 75-80% of the time will be spent working on the legal analysis component of the project and 20-25% of the time will be spend working on the comparative institutional analysis component of the project. | |
| **Key Responsibilities** | |
| * Legal and policy research related to antimicrobial stewardship, with a particular emphasis on collecting, cataloguing, tracking, coding, and analyzing impact of international and national laws and policies linked to the stewardship of antimicrobials * Conducting formal academic and grey literature searches * Assisting in conducting and analyzing key informant interviews * Contributing to and co-authoring peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and/or policy briefs * Providing some project management, administrative, and logistical support for project initiatives * Other duties as required (e.g., supporting knowledge mobilization activities, supervision of project research assistants) | |
| **Skills and Qualifications** | |
| Educational Qualifications | Applicants must have completed all requirements for an LLB/JD, LLM or PhD, or be currently enrolled in a PhD program. |
| Training/Experience Required | Essential   * Strong legal research skills, experience with using legal research tools/platforms, and knowledge of legal systems and legal/policy instruments * Strong organizational skills, with the ability to work with attention to detail and to handle/prioritize multiple tasks * Capable of contributing to a team, yet also able to work independently with modest supervision * Good writer and interest in writing and refining materials for a variety of audiences * Excellent interpersonal and communication skills * LLB/JD, LLM, and/or PhD in law preferred or extensive public health/global health policy experience with legal instruments – particularly areas such as health law and international law instruments   Desirable   * Experience interviewing research subjects * Experience using qualitative software to analyze interview transcripts * Experience working in multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary environment * Familiarity with global and/or public health, especially antimicrobial resistance * Familiarity with legal epidemiology (and any related software, such as MonQcle) |
| **Terms and Conditions** | |
| The research associate position based at York University in Toronto, within the [School of Global Health](https://www.yorku.ca/health/globalhealth/) and [Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research](https://www.yorku.ca/dighr/).  Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. | |
| **How to Apply** | |
| To apply for this position, please submit the following documents:   1. A detailed cover letter explaining your suitability for the position; 2. An updated CV; 3. A writing sample; and 4. Names and contact details of 2-3 referees.   Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applicants should direct their application to Dr. A.M. Viens at [amviens@yorku.ca](mailto:amviens@yorku.ca), with the subject line: Research Associate Application – DESIGN. We thank all applicants; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. If there are any questions or a candidate would like to discuss the position further, please feel free to email Dr. Viens. | |