



## **Research Associate Posting – NexJ Connected Wellness Implementation Project**

Stella's Place is a community-based, integrated peer and clinical mental health service for young adults (16-29 years) currently located in Toronto. We use innovative approaches to reach young adults in need of service, and clinical practices and processes that put these young adults in the 'driver's seat' of their own recovery. Our services and programs are delivered onsite, at partnering organizations, and online.

We are seeking a Research Associate to provide research leadership to a team of clinicians and peer supporters implementing the NexJ Connected Wellness platform. This new online tool has been designed to help young adults manage their own mental health care. The research project is a collaborative project between Stella's Place and the Youth Wellness Centre (St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton) and is funded by the Ministries of Health and Research and Innovation through the Health Technologies Fund.

The position is a part-time position (approx. 20 hours/week) for a fixed term ending March 31, 2019.

### **Tasks and Responsibilities:**

The Research Associate will oversee all aspects of the research, including but not limited to:

- Project recruitment and participant consenting
- Ensuring research protocols and REB requirements are followed and up to date
- Quantitative data collection through the online platform
- Supporting and coordinating an economic analysis with other researchers
- Qualitative data collection through focus groups and interviews with staff and participants
- Qualitative and quantitative data analyses including repeated measures statistical comparisons and thematic analyses
- Developing recommendations with staff for improvements to the platform and programming
- Project reporting both oral and written for a variety of audiences

### **Skills Required:**

The Research Associate should possess strong working knowledge of the research process and have expertise in both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

- Minimum Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Sciences, or Education. Graduate degree preferred. Graduate-level students are encouraged to apply.
- Experience leading research studies in a healthcare community context

- Can demonstrate expertise in the use of technology to promote health
- Experience developing and running mixed methods studies
- Experience with quantitative and qualitative analyses
- Advanced computer skills with knowledge of SPSS, NVivo, and Microsoft Office
- Experience with successful publication of research findings
- Demonstrated ability to prepare and present research findings to various audiences using a range of approaches (e.g. summary reports, public forums, conference presentations)

**You are a good fit for this position if you:**

- Have a strong interest in improving the quality of young adult mental health services
- Are comfortable working in a highly collaborative and diverse work environment with young adults
- Take initiative and responsibility for tasks
- Demonstrate effective organizational and time management skills
- Possess a high level of ability managing own workload
- Have excellent interpersonal skills with strong, demonstrated ability to communicate orally and in writing
- Possess skills of tact, diplomacy, and confidentiality
- Have flexibility in working hours, some evenings and weekends will be required

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCOMMODATION**

Stella's Place is committed to having a workforce that is reflective of the diversity of the City of Toronto in general and of our participants in particular. We strongly encourage applications from: racialized persons, indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, and all those who can provide different perspectives and contribute to diversification at Stella's Place.

Stella's Place is committed to hiring practices that are inclusive and barrier free. Stella's Place will provide reasonable and appropriate accommodation during all stages of the hiring process in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code in order to ensure the equal and fair assessment of all job applicants. Applicants are asked to make any accommodation request in advance.

To apply, please send your resume and coverletter to Rosanne Wild, at [rosanne.stellasplace@gmail.com](mailto:rosanne.stellasplace@gmail.com) by **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. We thank all candidates for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.