



PhD Student – Veterinary Mental Health

The Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) is seeking a student to pursue a PhD (Faculty of Veterinary Medicine) **starting September 1, 2021.**

The successful individual will join a multi-disciplinary team of epidemiologists, psychologists, veterinarians, and social science researchers from different veterinary schools in Canada. The PhD student will be part of a funded project which aims to assess and improve mental health of veterinary practitioners. The project will include a longitudinal assessment of veterinary mental health, and development/evaluation of an intervention program to strengthen resilience in the veterinary profession.

The selected candidate should have:

- An MSc degree in a relevant field (this includes, but is not limited to, psychology, social sciences, epidemiology, veterinary sciences)
- Experience with quantitative data analysis
- Experience writing scientific manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Strong communication skills in English
- Must be self-motivated and able to work both independently, and as an effective partner within the team
- A DVM degree is preferred but not required
- Experience in, or interest in, qualitative and mixed research methods is considered an asset

A competitive annual stipend will be offered.

To be considered, please electronically submit a cover letter, a CV, and a copy of transcripts to Dr. Caroline Ritter (carolineritter@upei.ca). **Review of applications will start immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.** Interested individuals are encouraged to informally contact Dr. Ritter before submitting the full application package. The selected candidate will be required to apply to UPEI Graduate Studies before July 1 (see <https://www.upei.ca/graduate-studies/future-students> for details) and meet all UPEI criteria, including English proficiency, to be accepted into the graduate program before an official offer of study is provided.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Prince Edward Island is committed to gender equity in employment.

For more information on this opportunity, please contact:
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