Memorial University 2019 Public Engagement Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The 2019 Public Engagement Postdoctoral Fellowship (PEPDF) is offered by Memorial’s Office of Public Engagement (OPE) in collaboration with a Memorial faculty member or academic unit, and one or more external organizations. In 2019, two PEPDFs will be funded with the potential for a third, subject to availability of funds.

Objectives:
The PEPDF program will help meet the goals and objectives of Memorial’s Public Engagement Framework, including:

- Creating a culture throughout Memorial that values, facilitates and celebrates public engagement
- Providing training and mentoring in public engagement best practices
- Building greater public engagement capacity for our external partners and collaborators

The PEPDF program will:

- Provide opportunities for recently qualified PhD graduates to contribute to research and learning on topics of mutual interest to external collaborating organizations and the university
- Build public engagement skills and capacity for both the researcher and the collaborating organization(s)
- Help identify opportunities for new public engagement partnerships with Memorial

PDF Duration

- 12 months (may be extended but without a financial contribution from OPE)
- Start date: Between July 1 and December 1, 2019

Value of the PEPDF

- Salary of up to $50,000 for the 12 month period¹
- Possible additional supports (such as residency opportunities) provided by the collaborating organization

Responsibilities of the Partnering Faculty Member²

- Provide 50% of the PEPDF’s total salary of $50,000 and 50% of MERCs
- Manage candidate recruitment and administration of the PEPDF according to Memorial guidelines and policy

¹ The duration of the PDF may be extended but without financial support from OPE
² The partnering faculty member is the person who submitted a proposal to OPE and is responsible for all administrative aspects of the program, including recruitment and reporting, in conjunction with their faculty, department or unit.
³ The partnering faculty member may elect to offer a higher salary but OPE will not be responsible for additional costs (salary and MERCs)
• Provide faculty supervisor(s)*, office space and other academic supports for the appointed postdoctoral fellow
• Comply with the terms and conditions of the PEPDF program as indicated in the awards letter

Responsibilities of the Office of Public Engagement
• Provide 50% of the PEPDF’s total salary of $50,000 (max from OPE of $25,000) and 50% of MERCs
• Provide public engagement supports, including professional development opportunities, to the PEPDFs
• Provide communications support to assist in recruitment (where applicable) and to profile the work of the PEPDFs
• Oversee evaluation of the program (administration, partnerships, engagement).

Responsibilities of the External Collaborator
• Participate in the review of fellowship applications or approval of appointments
• Provide a key contact and in-kind supports for the PEPDF
• Facilitate contacts and collaborations within the organization/community
• Meet with the PEPDF and his/her faculty supervisor(s) to support the planned program, on a schedule to be determined by the group

Responsibilities of the Selected PE Postdoctoral Fellow
• Work closely with one or more academic supervisors
• With supervisor(s), work with the collaborating organization to develop a research plan
• Regularly communicate and maintain positive relationships with the collaborating organization
• Act as a champion for Memorial’s Public Engagement Framework and help build a culture that supports public engagement between the university and the public
• Where possible, broker relationships between the collaborating organization and the university to advance mutual interests
• Participate in program evaluation and PE professional development activities
• Publish and present the work conducted over the term of the fellowship

For more information on this program contact:
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*In the case of multiple supervisors, the partnering faculty member is asked to identify a lead supervisor as a primary contact for the postdoctoral fellow.