

**Research Professor Position in Gerontopsychiatry/Gerontopsychology at the Montreal Geriatric University Institute Research Centre (CRIUGM) and the Department of Psychiatry and Addiction, Faculty of Medicine, Université de Montréal**

**Job description**

The Research Centre of the Geriatric University Institute of Montreal (CRIUGM), in partnership with the Department of Psychiatry and Addictology of the University of Montreal (UdeM; Montreal, Quebec, Canada), is looking for candidates to fill a position of a research professor at the rank of assistant professor in geriatric psychiatry and/or geriatric psychology with a focus on assessment and/or intervention in the mental health of the elderly.

Themes of interest include behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia, mood disorders and suicidal ideation, interactions between sleep and psychiatric disorders in the elderly, psychiatric disorders as predictors of cognitive decline in aging, psychological adaptations to chronic illness and multi-comorbidities, and the roles of caregivers in coping with these different conditions. We are primarily looking for early career candidates, but mid-career candidates will also be considered. Applications from individuals with advanced methodological expertise in a cutting-edge field, including patient-centered research, neuroimaging, neurophysiology, neurostimulation, computational neuroscience, digital health, epidemiology, proteomics, behavioral/systemic interventions, or other cutting-edge practices integrating technologies in support of care or autonomy will be given priority.

The CRIUGM was founded in 1982 and is now part of CIUSSS Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal. It is a leader in research in the field of aging throughout the French-speaking world. CRIUGM's mission is to advance scientific knowledge and develop innovative interventions to meet the needs and aspirations of seniors - the very people who have shaped contemporary society - to ensure that they continue to play a key role in the world of tomorrow. This mission is realized through its scientific programming, which is organized around two main research axes: (1) neuroscience of aging; and (2) health promotion, care and intervention. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to establish collaborations not only with CRIUGM researchers, but also with other research groups within the UdeM network, with the clinical environment of the CCSMTL and with the Montreal neuroscience community--one of the largest and most vibrant in North America. Montreal is known for its joie de vivre, for its excellent and eclectic cuisine, for its energetic and diverse cultural environment, and for the many outdoor activities it offers in summer and winter.

**The ideal candidate will:**

- Establish and pursue an innovative and productive clinical research program in the field of gerontopsychiatry/gerontopsychology;
- Secure research funding including salary awards from recognized organizations;
- Teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels and supervise students and research trainees;
- Contribute to the various academic and scientific activities of the CRIUGM and the Department of Psychiatry and Addictology of the UdeM.

**Requirements:**

- Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. in neuroscience, psychology, psychiatry or related field with relevant postdoctoral training;
- Excellent publication record;
- Ability to develop interdisciplinary and international collaborations;
- Relevant advanced methodological skills in at least one of the following areas: clinical research, neuroimaging, neurophysiology, neurostimulation, computational neuroscience, digital health, epidemiology, proteomics, behavioral/systemic interventions, or evaluative research on technologies in support of care and independence;
- Adequate knowledge of French or commitment to achieve proficiency in French within 4 years. Support in learning French may be offered by the University of Montreal.

Applications should be submitted electronically to Mr. Stéphane Bastianetto, [Stephane.Bastianetto.ccsmtl@sss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:Stephane.Bastianetto.ccsmtl@sss.gouv.qc.ca) ; Senior Officer - Management & Scientific Affairs, CRIUGM

Applications received by February 15, 2024 will be given priority. A complete application package must include a cover letter, a full CV, a description of the proposed research program (3 pages maximum), and the names and contact information of three persons willing to provide letters of support.

**About the Research Environment**

Gerontopsychiatry is one of the CRIUGM's priority themes. It includes expertise in behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia and mood and anxiety disorders in the elderly. This is accompanied by strong strengths in brain neuroimaging, neurophysiology, neurostimulation, assessment, prediction and intervention in geriatric syndromes, and digital health. The Mirella and Lino Saputo Foundation recently funded the VIEsAGE program. The objective of this program is to advise, equip and train community organizations so that they can better intervene with seniors who have mental health problems and ultimately improve their quality of life. The CRIUGM has a Functional Neuroimaging Unit containing a 3T MRI platform dedicated to research,

a Clinical Research Unit, and several other research infrastructures including a Neurostimulation platform (TMS and tDCS), a physical activity platform, and sleep laboratories. It also has an intelligent apartment, as well as a Living Lab: Le Quartier Innovant which aims to break the social isolation of seniors in Côte-des-Neiges. In addition, the close connections between the CRIUGM, the IUGM and the CCSMTL allow for the transfer of research results into the clinical environment with the ambition of evolving practices, thus contributing to the continuous improvement of health care for the elderly.

### **About the Montreal Geriatric University Institute Research Centre (CRIUGM)**

The CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal (CCSMTL), because of its university component, has several research centers, including the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal (CRIUGM). It is a large-scale research center in Quebec, with a staff of nearly 500 people (250 students, 100 researchers, 100 research personnel and 25 postdoctoral fellows). This vast community works to advance research in the field of aging with a focus on aging well and maintaining quality of life. [www.criugm.qc.ca](http://www.criugm.qc.ca)

### **About Université de Montréal**

Université de Montréal is one of the leading research universities in Canada. Together with its two affiliated schools, HEC Montréal and Polytechnique Montréal, it constitutes one of the largest centers of higher education in North America. For more information, please visit us at [www.umontreal.ca](http://www.umontreal.ca).

### **About The Faculty of Medicine**

An internationally renowned institution, the Faculty of Medicine of UdeM has the threefold mission of education, research and the improvement of health in the areas of clinical sciences, basic sciences and health sciences. It is comprised of 16 departments, two schools and more than 700 professors (excluding clinical professors), serving more than 6000 students. A third of the physicians in Québec and a large number of health professionals in the province were trained at the UdeM's Faculty of Medicine.

### **Language Policy**

UdeM is a Québec university with an international reputation. French is the language of instruction. To renew its teaching faculty, UdeM is intensively recruiting the world's best specialists. In accordance with the institution's language policy, UdeM provides support for newly-recruited faculty to attain proficiency in spoken and written French.

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### **Confidentiality**

UdeM's application process allows all regular professors in the Department to have access to all documents unless the applicant explicitly states in her or his cover letter that access to the application should be limited to the selection committee. This restriction on accessibility will be lifted if the applicant is invited for an interview.

### **Equal Access Employment Program**

Through its Equal Access Employment Program, UdeM invites women, Aboriginal people, visible and ethnic minorities, as well as persons with disabilities to apply. During the recruitment process, our selection tools will be adapted to meet the needs of people with disabilities who request it. Be assured of the confidentiality of this information. UdeM is committed to the inclusion and the diversity of its staff and also encourages people of all sexual and gender identities to apply.

### **Immigration Requirements**

We invite all qualified candidates to apply at UdeM. However, in accordance with immigration requirements in Canada, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.