

Community-Engaged Research (CER) Graduate Student Internship Program

The Community-Engaged Research (CER) Graduate Student Internship Program, facilitated through the Faculty of Social Sciences' [Community Research Platform](#) (CRP), provides opportunities for MA and PhD students to work with CRP partner organizations on research projects that support organizational needs and priorities and have tangible benefits for communities.

Intern Job posting

Project: Means Safety: Creating Suicide Safer Homes

Job Description: The Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch (CMHA Hamilton) is seeking an MA level graduate student to undertake research related to the implementation and evaluation of their Means Safety training program.

Creating suicide safer homes has recently become a national focus for the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) through the Roots of Hope (ROH) project entitled, "**Means Safety.**" The Means Safety project mobilizes community organizations to develop effective programs and training that aim to reduce the impacts of suicide within local communities across Canada. CMHA and the Suicide Prevention Community Council of Hamilton (SPCCH) are collaborating as early adopters of the MHCC ROH Means Safety project for Hamilton, Ontario. The training will be developed by CMHA Hamilton for a wide audience including local residents, first responders (e.g. police, firefighters), social service workers (e.g. mental health workers, library workers), and those with lived experience in the Greater Hamilton Area.

CMHA is collaborating with McMaster's Centre for Advanced Research on Mental Health and Society (ARMS) and the Community Research Platform (CRP) to conduct research related to the implementation and evaluation of the Means Safety initiative. Reporting to the Executive Director of ARMS and CMHA's Clinical Director, the student intern will undertake the following activities:

- 1) Act as project coordinator: schedule and plan project meetings; maintain detailed meeting notes; develop processes for ongoing communication between project team members.
- 2) Develop a workplan (including timelines) with input and approval from project leads.
- 3) Conduct a systematic review of the suicide prevention literature to support CMHA's integration of evidence-based intervention components into the training modules.

- 4) Contribute to an early draft of a Dynamic Model of Evaluation for Suicide Prevention Programs. The procedural guide—*informed by social determinants of mental health literature*— will provide detailed instructions for conducting an evidence-based evaluation of the CMHA Hamilton Means Safety program.

Additional duties may be assigned based on needs of the project.

Required skills and experience:

- Demonstrated interest in community-engaged and mental health research
- Experience conducting systematic literature reviews (including data extraction)
- Training in the social determinants of mental health research
- Quantitative and qualitative methodological training
- Proficiency in data analysis techniques, especially in synthesizing findings from multiple studies – this skill is essential for deriving meaningful insights from the literature.
- Ability to contribute to technical reports and documents
- Skills in project coordination
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Excellent time management skills

Duration of Internship: 7.5 to 10 hours per week for approximately 26 weeks.

Value of Award: \$8,000

Application Deadline: October 13, 2023

To Apply: please visit <https://crp.mcmaster.ca/opportunities-and-services>

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