

RM-NET Community-Based Clinician Investigator Program



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As a rural maternity care provider, would you like the opportunity to conduct research to improve understanding of maternity practice and service delivery in rural BC? Do you have clinical, explorative, qualitative, or quantitative questions that you would like answered?



The Rural Maternity Care New Emerging Team (RM-NET) is now welcoming applications for the Community-Based Clinician Investigator Program. This program will enable a motivated rural care provider (physician, specialist, nurse, nurse practitioner, midwife, physiotherapist etc.) to join our interdisciplinary team investigating maternity care in British Columbia.

Through this fellowship, you will be supported by a highly active research team with expertise in family practice, sociology, geography, family studies, nursing, economics, epidemiology, and health system and policy analysis. We will work with you to develop a research program to answer a particular question that you would like to investigate. Possible areas of study include, but are not limited to:

- Midwives and physicians perceptions of the integration of midwifery in a small rural community and collaborative practice.
- Chart audits of maternal and/or newborn outcomes based on maternity service delivery levels.
- Economic-costing analysis of changes in maternity services in your local community.

The RM-NET is made up of academic and community-based researchers, policy makers, administrators and other key stakeholders working together to achieve a comprehensive understanding of rural maternity care services in B.C. from multiple perspectives. Our research strategy is to move beyond traditional silos of academic disciplines and integrate concepts, epistemologies and/or methodologies to create new, more comprehensive understandings of causes and effects. The RM-NET began its five year mandate in August 2004, and is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Housed within the University of British Columbia's Department of Family Practice, the RM-NET is also supported by the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. Although the core research team is located in Vancouver, our affiliations provide opportunities to collaborate with other academics and spread across B.C. and health care practitioners in other Canadian provinces and territories as well as international jurisdictions.



We look forward to aligning with someone with a desire to conduct maternity research, while practicing in a rural community.

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Description of Fellowship

The successful candidate will receive buy-out funding (based on current salary) up to \$45,000 (Canadian) for a 12 month placement with the Rural Maternity Care New Emerging Team (RM-NET).

The clinical investigator will pursue her/his own research topic related to rural maternity care and may also participate in other RM-NET research activities as appropriate. The clinician will receive mentoring and support from the principal investigators, the RM-NET Postdoctoral Research Fellow and research coordinators, and will benefit from collaborative research relationships with the rest of the research team. He/she will be supported to apply for funding from other sources to continue her/his research as appropriate.

The clinical investigator will be provided with office space in Vancouver as well as access to and use of Internet, printers, telephone and fax lines. The successful candidate may also choose to conduct research in his/her home community.

Application Process

Eligibility:

- ◆ The successful applicant will be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada practicing in a health discipline related to maternity care in BC;
- ◆ Candidates from all levels of health service are encouraged to apply;
- ◆ Candidates may be practicing at time of application, but will be expected to contribute sufficient time to the RM-NET to develop a research focus area.

Application Requirements:

Please include the following documents in your application:

- ◆ Research proposal including background and context, literature review, goals and objectives, methodology, and significance of proposed topic. *We do not require applicants to pursue research that RM-NET investigators are currently conducting. New and independent research proposals related to rural maternity care in B.C. are welcome;*
- ◆ Current curriculum vitae, including a list of publications, grants and awards (if applicable);
- ◆ Names and contact information of three research referees.

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