

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Household Food Insecurity and Public Policy (Posting date: 2025-01-22)

[PROOF](#), a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)-funded interdisciplinary research program studying policy interventions to household food insecurity in Canada, invites applications for a post-doctoral fellowship.

The successful candidate will join a team of accomplished researchers and examine how income volatility and dynamics predict household food insecurity in Canada, working with large microdata files accessed through the Statistics Canada Research Data Centre at the St. George campus, under the supervision of PROOF principal investigator, Dr. Valerie Tarasuk.

The ideal candidates will have a strong interest in household food insecurity, social policy, and the social determinants of health, and the experience and expertise to take advantage of the opportunity to access novel and rich data on food insecurity and income data to build a highly productive applied research portfolio.

The research conducted through this fellowship will advance the understanding of food insecurity in Canada amidst record-high rates and provide evidence to inform the development of effective policy interventions.

Essential qualifications:

- PhD, ScD, DrPH, or an equivalent doctoral degree in epidemiology, economics, biostatistics, public health, or related fields, completed within the last 5 years
- Experience conducting statistical analyses with large databases using SAS/Stata
- Experience working in the RDC environment

Preferred qualifications:

- Strong track record of research productivity
- Experience conducting quantitative research designed to inform public policy
- Knowledge in food insecurity, social determinants of health, poverty, and social policy

Duties:

- Plan, develop, and conduct quantitative studies, applying economic, social or health frameworks and statistical techniques to the analysis of population survey data at the Statistics Canada Research Data Centre in Toronto
- Lead and co-author manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals
- Actively participate in knowledge translation activities
- Critically contribute to the team efforts in ongoing research

Term: One year

FTE: The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a fulltime postdoctoral fellow (pro-rated for those holding a partial appointment) recognizing that the needs of the employee's research and professional development and the needs of the supervisor's research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee's duties and hours of work

Salary: \$70 000/year

Closing date: February 17, 2025

To apply:

Please send your application to proof@utoronto.ca as a single PDF file.

Application materials should include: i) a cover letter describing career goals, research interests, and reasons for applying; ii) your CV and graduate degree transcripts; iii) a reprint of your most significant first-author publication; iv) contact information for three (3) references.

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