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Dalhousie University, Faculty of Medicine
QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation Endowed Chair in Palliative Care Research

The Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University is pleased to invite applications for the QEII Foundation Endowed Chair in Palliative Care Research.

The successful candidate for the Chair position will engage in palliative care research, as well as work with the Nova Scotia Health Integrated Palliative Care Network to enhance evidence-based care for people living with life limiting conditions, integrating the latest research, evaluation tools and quality-improvement methodologies into Nova Scotia's integrated palliative care system. The Chair is intended to have a dual role, enhancing palliative care research while simultaneously using that research to influence policies and standards to improve the quality of life and outcomes for people facing serious illness, and their families, in Nova Scotia.

The Chair will sit within the Department of Medicine, Division of Palliative Medicine, and will be expected to integrate with and build on an existing system and establish a progressive, collaborative, dynamic and innovative research program to advance research and quality initiatives in the area of palliative care, with independent, external, peer-reviewed research funding and the internal supports of the Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine. They will provide research leadership and mentorship, while working with the Nova Scotia Health Integrated Palliative Care Network leadership team in developing and enhancing collaborative relationships with palliative care policy makers, administrators and practitioners in Nova Scotia, Atlantic Canada, nationally and internationally. The Chair will collaborate with the Nova Scotia Health Integrated Palliative Care Network to influence changes in palliative care that lead to improved outcomes, with a strong implementation science background to help guide the adoption of palliative care best practices and evidence-based care solutions.

The successful candidate will have a PhD and/or MD in an area relevant to palliative care and demonstrated success with independent scholarship and funding as well as publications.

The successful candidate (incumbent) will be offered a Career Stream academic appointment. For MD applicants this will be a Continuing Appointment and for PhDs (without MD) a Tenure Stream, at an appropriate rank, with Dalhousie University's Department of Medicine with a cross appointment to Department of Family Medicine. Renewal of the chair is possible following a satisfactory review of the incumbent in the fourth year of the five-year term, which demonstrates acceptable levels of research productivity and impact in the field.

The Division of Palliative Medicine provides inpatient, clinic and community care for the Central Zone of Nova Scotia Health as well as the leadership and administration associated with this care. The division is a clinical/academic division and runs a two-year Fellowship program for the Royal College Subspecialty in Palliative Medicine; as well as supporting the College of Family Physicians of Canada enhanced year of training in Palliative Care. The Division is part of the Department of Medicine, which is made up of over 180 physicians spread across 15 divisions providing clinical and academic services to the faculty of Medicine and Nova Scotia Health. The Division is a critical part of the Nova Scotia Health Integrated Palliative Care Network.

The Nova Scotia Health Integrated Palliative Care Network has been coordinating the implementation of the Nova Scotia Palliative Care Strategy (<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/palliativecare/>). This network focuses on education, standard development and implementation, data collection and review, and quality improvement. It provides a central hub for all the Palliative Care and Hospice teams to connect, review the needs of the province's people and develop strategies to meet these needs.

The QEII Health Sciences Centre is the largest health sciences centre in Atlantic Canada, with more than 10 buildings on two sites. It's thousands of people delivering exceptional care, every day. From the operating room to the research lab, and everywhere in between, the most advanced care in our region is within the walls of the QEII. In addition to being the specialized care centre for heart health, cancer care, neurosurgery and organ transplantation, the QEII is the leading research centre and training facility for tomorrow's healthcare professionals.

Halifax (<https://discoverhalifaxns.com/>) is a perfect paradox. We are where land meets sea, old meets new, urban meets rural, and traditional meets trendy. We balance a relaxing pace with modern urban amenities and affordability with world class-experiences. We value our strong historical ties but drive to shake up the norm. This perfect balance makes Halifax one of the best places in the world to visit, no matter what a visitor is looking for. See for yourself in this video: <https://youtu.be/V2M7bZEA0rk>

To apply, please submit an electronic copy of your curriculum vitae, a two-page description of your research program, future research direction, and the names and contact information of three referees (two of whom must be from academic backgrounds) who may be contacted for references if required. All applications must be submitted via PeopleAdmin: <https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/5449>

The application period will extend to at least May 28, 2021, and will remain open until the position has been filled.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.