



Job Title: Social Connectedness Fellow

Organization: Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness (SCSC)

Format: Paid internship, full-time (37.5 hours/week) over the summer (May 10 – August 27, 2021)

About:

The Social Connectedness Fellowship empowers students and recent graduates to carry out innovative research that will inspire local and global action to build community and belonging.

Fellows will have the opportunity to work with a partner organization in the social connectedness movement and conduct research, writing, analysis, and outreach in thematic areas related to social isolation and connectedness.

Fellows will gain knowledge and develop research specific to their partner's objectives/mandates, as well as connect with other partners to consult and benefit from their expertise. Thus, the Fellowship program enables Fellows to expand their professional networks and gain hands-on experience in research and programming, all while equipping them with new skills and a framework to tackle issues of the 21st century.

This year, SCSC is offering 11 different research projects to which applicants can apply.

Additional information/requirements:

SCSC is looking for candidates with a passion for human rights, social justice and community-building. Overall, all candidates should demonstrate the following:

- Passion for or first-hand knowledge in a particular SCSC [thematic area](#).
- Interest in human-centred, community-driven change, and building greater connectedness in the world.
- Interest in gaining a new lens through which to understand and approach complex community and policy issues.
- Willingness to commit to respect, recognition and reciprocity in their research projects and partnership development, as outlined in the [About Us page](#).
- Willingness to step out of their comfort zone in conducting research and outreach, and building relationships with the community in which they will conduct research.

Eligibility:

- This program is suited for candidates who are in their final year of a bachelor's degree (i.e will have graduated by summer or end of 2021), who are currently pursuing or finishing a graduate program, or who are maximum three years out of post-secondary education.



- Be fully proficient in written and oral English to complete documentation and engage fully at orientation and workshops (note: certain proposals have specific language requirements other than English).
- Have access to the internet and a computer/laptop, and be able to participate in Zoom meetings as required.

Skills/Capabilities:

- Able to work independently and manage time effectively.
- Able to take initiative and draw from different resources to support their work.
- Able to perform multiple types of research (online, literature reviews, surveys/in-person interviews).
- Respectful of diversity (race, gender, sexuality, disability, religion, and culture).
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Experience in community engagement and working with vulnerable populations is an asset.
- Public speaking, advocacy, event planning, and primary research skills are assets, but can also be learned through the Fellowship.

How to apply:

Please visit our [2021 Fellowship page](#) for more details about the research projects and instructions on how to apply.

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