

NEWS AND UPDATES

MIGRATION AND RESILIENCE IN URBAN CANADA

April 30, 2017

As the academic year ends, work intensifies, so April has been a busy month. For this reason, the newsletter is a little late. We will catch up in May. On April 28, 2017, we submitted our first contributions report to SSHRC. All of us learned a lot. I want to thank everyone who supplied the necessary information and forms. We owe enormous thanks to Adnan Turegun and Camila Bonifaz who did an amazing job preparing the report. We will review the recent experience to see how we can improve the process next year.

In April we also received excellent applications for a postdoctoral visitor to assist the city networks with statistical analysis of migration flows and migrants' settlement experiences. The results of this job competition will be announced shortly. I want to thank Jenna Hennebry from the Kitchener-Waterloo City Network for her help evaluating the applications and Camila Bonifaz who organized all of the applications for us to review.

KM Committee News

The Knowledge Broker position has been posted. A copy is attached to this newsletter. Please circulate the advertisement widely within your networks so that we attract a large pool of qualified candidates. We are also posting the position on the Charity Village website. Please note that the position will be based at York University and fluency in French and English is essential.

Steering Committee News

At its teleconference on March 24, 2017, the Steering Committee composed of academic and non-academic co-chairs of the city networks decided to hold a two-day research planning meeting during the week of June 5-9, 2017. The meeting will be held at York University in Toronto and more details will be available in the May newsletter.

City Network News

Any questions about the city networks should be directed to Adnan Türegün, Partnership Liaison, turegun@yorku.ca.

Montreal

We are pleased to announce that the *Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes* (TCRI), Québec's council of community and migrant-serving agencies, has joined our partnership. With that, Florence Bourdeau, who is the TCRI project officer for the initiative « *Vivons nos quartiers* » becomes a collaborator.

We have met with *Centraide* and they have expressed interest in becoming a partner. We should have a confirmation shortly.

An initial meeting with an advisor from the *Ville de Montréal's* BINAM (*Bureau d'intégration des nouveaux arrivants de la Ville de Montréal*) has led to an interest in collaborating with the partnership, and to contacts with the Director of the *Ville de Montréal's* Resilience Office with whom a meeting is pending.

Damaris Rose, Professeur-chercheur, INRS-UCS and a collaborator in the partnership, will hold a Webinar on May 17, 2017 in Montréal's *Centre interuniversitaire québécois de statistiques sociales* (CIQSS) on the topic of her recent research project: *Trouver des logements pour les personnes réfugiées accueillies dans le cadre de l'opération « Bienvenue aux Syriens » : une analyse pancanadienne*. Invitations to join this Webinar will be circulated on May 3.

Ottawa-Gatineau

Nominations for the two non-academic co-chairs of the network (one each for Ottawa and Gatineau) have been made. They will be confirmed shortly.

York Region

Jason Hastings has left the Regional Municipality of York (RMY) for another position in the Greater Toronto Area. We thank Jason for his support to the partnership from its initial stages and wish him well in his new position. Lois Davies (RMY) has taken on the role of non-academic co-chair for the network.

The network had its second meeting on April 19. The meeting continued earlier discussions on developing a research framework for the network. Another meeting is being scheduled for the week of June 12-16.

Nancy Mandell, academic co-chair of the network, and her three colleagues involved in the partnership (Rupaleem Bhuyan, John Shields, and Adnan Türegün) have organized a session titled "[Rethinking Immigrant Settlement: Women, Youth and Seniors](#)" for the annual conference of the Canadian Sociological Association on May 29, 2017

Toronto

The network had its third meeting on April 5. The meeting resumed earlier work on drafting the terms of reference and developing a research framework for the network. Another meeting is being scheduled for early May.

Kitchener-Waterloo

The network is in the process of identifying a community co-chair and bringing in new partners to the project.

Windsor

Following its meeting on March 24, the network has finalized a project proposal on international students.

Francine Schlosser, academic co-chair, will be attending the Conference Board of Canada's "[Canadian Immigration Summit 2017: Innovating at 150 and Beyond](#)" to be held on May 9-10, 2017, in Ottawa.

Call for Proposals

Diane Dyson, co-chair of the Toronto City Network, wants to bring the recent call from CIFAR, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, for proposals targeting child well-being to everyone's attention. For information, follow the link, [CIFAR Research Workshops: Call for Proposals](#)
<https://www.cifar.ca/assets/researchworkshops/>

**MIGRATION AND RESILIENCE IN URBAN CANADA:
IDENTIFYING STRENGTH AND BUILDING CAPACITY**

POSITION TITLE: KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION OFFICER
TERM: June 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, with possibility of renewal
SALARY: \$38.50 PER HOUR

OVERALL DESCRIPTION

Under the general supervision of the Principal Investigator, this position comprising up to 24.5 hours/week provides support to and implements the knowledge mobilization plan for a 5 year SSHRC Partnership Grant entitled *Migration and Resilience in Urban Canada: Identifying Strengths and Building Capacity*. The partnership that is based at York University involves 21 academic researchers from 7 universities and key community stakeholders. The successful bilingual candidate (English/French) will have previous experience in knowledge mobilization, involving diverse audiences (academic researchers, service providers, policy makers at various levels of government , employer associations/private sector stakeholders interested in migration, general public including migrant communities).

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Build and foster relationships with stakeholders in all research networks and ensure networks are engaging in effective KMb, including providing updated content regularly for the website and other KMb platforms.
 - Ensure a strong web/social media profile/presence for the project/actively including – event announcements – podcasts – web-based publications.
 - Liaise with translator(s) to ensure equitable French/English online presence
 - Leverage resources to support the development of plain language research summaries in English and French
 - Gather and organize content for regular bi-lingual newsletter providing project updates to all partners/collaborators

2. Support KMb activities by all participants in the partnership by developing appropriate tools and training opportunities and ensuring training is available regularly to all partners
 - Identify and leverage resources (e.g. KMb Unit at York University) that can support KMb training opportunities/associated events for students/non-academic partners. Provide logistical support to event planning
 - Develop tools that will help academic partners prepare journal articles – edited collections – conference presentation
 - Assist/support city network co-chairs and project director in planning community forums – city workshops
 - Develop appropriate materials related to research findings that can assist in conversations with policy makers
 - Through network partners/collaborators, identify media opportunities/develop media strategy to assist in expanded coverage/profile for the project

3. Evaluate and report on KMb activities at least annually, revising the KMb plan in consultation with partners and proposing how to refine strategies and methods as the partnership evolves

- With the Evaluation Team and through consultation with KMb project team and staff from KMb Unit at York U, develop metrics related to KMb activities and outcomes that will be monitored by the Evaluation Team
- Ensures the project's annual KMb plans are delivered efficiently, effectively and on time
- Develops an annual KMb budget for approval by the Executive Committee, and monitors expenditures.
- Regular reporting to and collaboration with KMb Committee with general oversight by the Principal Investigator

Education:

Minimum undergraduate degree is required, with graduate degree an asset, in the social sciences or humanities, or information studies/library studies or journalism.

Experience:

Minimum 1 to 2 years of experience working with a specific knowledge mobilization mandate, either in a university research administrative environment or in the equivalent in government, NGO, community or voluntary agency, in a research or policy environment. Experience in immigration- and settlement-related fields and with related government agencies and non-governmental organizations is a strong asset.

Skills:

Demonstrated skills/ability in the following areas:

- Fluently bilingual in oral and written French and English;
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team environment;
- Excellent judgment, oral and written communication, interpersonal, problem-solving and organizational skills;
- Ability to multitask, set priorities and meet tight deadlines;
- Strong analytical skills; professionalism, tact, sensitivity and diplomacy in interactions with internal and external constituencies;
- Flexibility, self-directed and demonstrated initiative, creativity; high level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Demonstrated advanced skills in MS Office, advanced skill and experience in web design software (such as HTML or Dreamweaver) and basic database software (such as MS Access).
- Demonstrated experience using and instructing on the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube) required, preferably in a research environment.
- Ability to work with databases and web content management systems. Demonstrated ability to use Google analytics and other web metrics

The University welcomes applications from all qualified individuals, including individuals within the University's employment equity categories of women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and aboriginal persons, individuals of diverse gender and sexual orientation and all groups protected by the Human Rights Code. York University is committed to employment equity and diversity and a positive and supportive environment. York University offers accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment processes. If you are contacted by York University regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation.

Applicants should submit in one pdf file: a signed letter of application that includes details about the relevance of the applicant's experience, a current resume, a writing sample, and the names and contact information for three references. Please submit the file to emmay@yorku.ca by May 15, 2017.