The University and the Location

Dalhousie University is part of Canada’s U15 research-intensive group of universities and is a truly national and international institution, with more than half of our 20,000 students coming from outside of the province. Our 6,000 faculty and staff foster a vibrant, purpose-driven community, one that spans 13 Faculties and attracts more than $180 million in external research funds.

Located on the traditional, unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq, in the city of Halifax, with our Agricultural Campus in Truro/Bible Hill and a Dalhousie Medicine satellite campus in Saint John, New Brunswick, Dalhousie is the largest university in Atlantic Canada. Halifax’s rich and varied history is reflected in the diversity of its population. The Mi'kmaw people have been living in the area for thousands of years and call it Kjiptuk (The Great Harbour). Halifax is also home to a large African Nova Scotian community with deep-reaching ancestral connections to the province and the city. As the historical entryway to Canada, Halifax also has a long history of immigration, one which continues to enhance the city’s culture and economy.

The Opportunity

The Professional Counsellor (Psychologist) position is part of the interdisciplinary Student Health and Wellness Centre team in Student Affairs. The Centre uses an interprofessional collaborative healthcare approach to serving students at both Dalhousie University and the University of King’s College. The Centre includes a diverse range of professionals including: Registered Counselling Therapists, Psychologists, Physicians, Nurses, Psychiatrists, Social Workers and Health Promotion professionals. Within the Student Health and Wellness team, a dedicated team of counsellors provide exceptional mental health services and programming.

Reporting to the Director of Counselling and Psychological Services, the Professional Counsellor will provide direct service to students experiencing personal psychological problems within an interprofessional collaborative healthcare model. As a member of this collaborative healthcare team, the Professional Counsellor will also supervise trainees. Throughout their work, the incumbent will demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of elements impacting our diverse student population, particularly our students who self-identify as Indigenous and/or racialized. The Professional Counsellor will distinguish and assess the best therapeutic method for students presenting concerns and be able to adapt therapeutic practice to help meet student needs through direct service or referral, leveraging campus and community-based supports to meet their needs within a stepped care model.

This is a full-time probationary appointment. The incumbent will become a member of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA). Salary will be as per DFA salary scale for Professional Counsellors ($92,122-$121,855). Start date may be negotiated.

Dalhousie University promotes a culture of safety, health and wellness through programming and services. Our total compensation package includes a defined benefit pension plan, comprehensive health and dental plans, a health spending account, an employee and family assistance program and a tuition assistance program.
The Ideal Candidate

Applicants must have a doctoral degree in Clinical or Counselling Psychology from a CPA or APA-accredited program and be eligible for registration or candidacy with the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology. As this position is intended to further contribute to the diversity and richness of our team and to enhance support for the university’s diverse student population, this position is restricted to candidates who self-identify in one or more of the following equity-deserving groups: Indigenous persons and racially visible persons. The ideal candidate will come to the role with the demonstrated ability to provide services that are responsive and sensitive to the needs of specific student populations including those who self-identify as Indigenous, racialized and/or as persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Work specifically supporting these populations should be highlighted in the application package. Experience working in a university setting or with young adults and experience in clinical supervision would be seen as assets. Excellent communication skills, professional integrity and the ability to promote and support a respectful and inclusive working environment with colleagues and other stakeholders will be essential in this role. We welcome applications from new graduates and early career Psychologists.

How to Apply

Read further details about the opportunity and apply at this link (https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/5477). The deadline to apply is March 25, 2021.

The application process includes submission of a cover letter and a curriculum vitae. Dalhousie recognizes that career paths can be diverse, and that career interruptions may occur. Applicants are encouraged to address any career interruptions in their cover letter or curriculum vitae. Applicants will be offered the opportunity to voluntarily self-identify through the application process.

This position is restricted to candidates who self-identify in one or more of the following equity-deserving groups: Indigenous persons and racially visible persons. In keeping with our employment equity policy, special consideration will be given to candidates who identify as Mi’kmaq or as historic African Nova Scotians. Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.