

Postdoctoral Researcher Position: Cross-national Demography of Family Structure, Aging, and Health

Dr. Rachel Margolis, Department of Sociology at the University of Western Ontario and Dr. Ashton Verdery, Department of Sociology and Criminology at the Pennsylvania State University invite applications for a postdoctoral scholar in Sociology and Demography. The position will be funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Principal Investigator, Rachel Margolis) and the U.S. National Institute of Aging (Principal Investigator, Ashton Verdery). The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Margolis, Dr. Verdery and other colleagues on research related to patterns of family structure and population health in aging populations around the world.

The position start date is flexible but is expected to begin between March 1, 2021 and September 1, 2021. The initial duration is one year, with the possibility of extension of up to 2 additional years. The position is full-time and provides an annual salary of \$45,000 CAD plus benefits. Note that the position is open to scholars from any country. The position will be based in London, Ontario, Canada but applicants who wish to work remotely for much of the time will be considered. Applicants with Canadian citizenship or permanent residence should note this in the cover letter.

Requirements:

This position requires a Ph.D. or equivalent degree by the position start-date. A background in demography, sociology, gerontology, public policy, or health sciences is preferred. We are especially interested in candidates who are strong writers and have expertise in survey methodology and data analysis, with proficiency in Stata and/or R. Experience working with a research team and knowledge of advanced demographic techniques is desired. We seek a candidate who is self-motivated, detail-oriented, responsible, team-oriented, and creative, with excellent interpersonal, written communication, and organizational skills.

Applications should include:

- A current CV
- A brief cover letter describing relevant experience.
- Two examples of your writing (e.g. working papers, dissertation chapters, or published articles).
- Full contact information of three references.

Applications should be sent to: rachel.margolis@uwo.ca

Applications will begin to be reviewed on March 15, 2021. The review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

University Context

The postdoctoral position will be based in the Sociology Department in the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Western Ontario. Western is a research-intensive university in London, Ontario, Canada with about 40,000 students. The city is situated midway between

Detroit and Toronto and is currently the 11th largest city in Canada. London offers the affordability, charm and security of a mid-sized community combined with the business, career, and recreational opportunities of a big city.

We invite applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process.

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