



**Applications are invited for the following postdoctoral research opportunity:**

*Position title:* Postdoctoral Fellow: Digital Infrastructures of Health and Aging

*Supervisor:* Dr. Barbara L. Marshall, Department of Sociology, Trent University

*Location:* Trent University, Peterborough, ON

We are seeking an emerging researcher to work with us on a project linked to an international collaboration, “Being Connected” at Home – Making use of digital devices in later life’. This project is funded by the “More Years, Better Lives” Joint Programming Initiative, and involves teams from Canada, Spain, Sweden, Netherlands. The Canadian workplan, funded by CIHR, is based at Trent University under the direction of Professors Barbara Marshall and Stephen Katz. We anticipate a start date in the late summer or early autumn of 2018 for this one-year position (with the possibility of extension).

**About the project:**

The overall aim of the project is to investigate fundamental changes in the contemporary experience of later life, at the intersection of digital infrastructures, place and the experience of ‘being connected’. Our workplan at Trent focuses on the theme of ‘being connected’ as exploring the connections between people, devices and discourses of expertise. We focus on different living arrangements as significant sites of engagement between consumers, social networks, physical environments, biomedical expertise and discourses of healthy and responsible citizenship. We are interested in the ways that expertise about aging and health is both produced and reproduced, and narratives of everyday experience are shaped by these engagements. Research activities will include device ethnographies and qualitative interviews, drawing on methodological insights from digital sociology, medical anthropology and science and technology studies.

**About the position:** This postdoctoral fellowship has an annual salary of \$45,000. The home base of the position is Trent University in Peterborough, but some research travel may be required.

The successful candidate will be expected to participate as a full team member during their tenure, and, in addition to pursuing their own research, will undertake key tasks in fulfilling the overall team research objectives. This may include collecting background materials,

identifying and negotiating access to research sites, engaging in both primary and secondary research, organizing data and conducting qualitative analysis. Other activities will include network development with relevant stakeholders, liaising with team members at scheduled meetings, writing and presenting papers on the research, producing summaries of research for public dissemination, organization and management of meetings and workshops, and other tasks related to grant administration and knowledge mobilization. The successful candidate will be expected to apply for membership and be active in the Trent Centre for Aging and Society.

This position will be of particular interest to a candidate from the social sciences with a background and/or interest in aging and technology, and experience in ethnographic research and/or qualitative interviewing. Training will be provided by Drs. Marshall and Katz as required in preparation of applications for ethics review, observational fieldwork, interviewing and transcription and qualitative analysis.

**Eligibility:** The successful candidate will have a completed Ph.D. before beginning the position and will normally have received their Ph.D. within 5 years of the fellowship start date. Preference will be given to Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

**Application:** In a single email addressed to [bmarshall@trentu.ca](mailto:bmarshall@trentu.ca), with the subject line “postdoctoral fellowship application” please provide the following three components as individual pdf attachments.

- A letter (maximum 3 pages) which outlines your suitability and expertise, including planned research that aligns with the project goals, and which indicates your preferred start date.
- A CV.
- A list of three references with complete contact information, who could be called upon to write letters of recommendation.

Review of applications will begin May 7 and applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.