HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH & EPIDEMIOLOGY AT
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE
& CENTRAL ZONE NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

The Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University and the Nova Scotia Health Authority are jointly recruiting a new academic and administrative leader for the University and Central Zone Department of Community Health and Epidemiology. This is an outstanding opportunity for an experienced and accomplished individual with proven leadership, vision, academic and clinical credibility to lead the academic and clinical mandate of this dynamic department.

The Department of Community Health and Epidemiology is a research-intensive department with a complement of fully engaged and active, multidisciplinary faculty. The Department provides teaching at the undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels in the Faculty of Medicine and other faculties across the campus. It offers a highly reputable Masters of Science program in Community Health and Epidemiology and a new PhD program in Epidemiology and Applied Health Research. The Department also contributes to the undergraduate medical education program in many ways including unit management, supervising student projects and tutoring. The Master of Health Informatics program has also recently been integrated with the Department, which offers new development opportunities. The Department houses key university and province-wide resources, including Health Data Nova Scotia, the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging, and the Health and Environments Research Centre [HERC] Laboratory. The Department also works closely with the Maritime Strategy for Patient Oriented Research SUPPORT Unit (housed by NSHA) and provides leadership on many of its advisory and scientific committees.

The Department has strengths in epidemiology and population health, health services and policy, and methods and measurement. Substantive areas of expertise include aging and health over the lifecourse, chronic disease prevention and management, mental health and addictions, injury prevention and control, inequities in health and healthcare, environmental exposures and biomarkers, medical informatics, resource allocation, patient-centred outcomes measurement, and evidence synthesis, translation and implementation. The complement of full time faculty is strengthened by many cross-appointed faculty from Departments within the Faculty of Medicine, from other Dalhousie Faculties, from other Universities in the region, and governmental public health practitioners and policy makers.

The role of Head requires dynamic leadership, enthusiasm and vision in academic and clinical domains, together with management skill to affect excellence in education, research and service, and to align strategically and operationally within an integrated health system. The incumbent must be a strategic systems level thinker with superior interpersonal skills to negotiate, nurture and leverage opportunities that maximize productivity through collaboration, partnership and integration of academic and clinical practice. To be considered for this role you are a consummate professional and you embody the principles of accountability, transparency and fairness.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority is the largest employer in the province. More than 23,000 employees, 2,500 physicians and 7,000 volunteers combine to provide care at more than 45 facilities throughout the province. The Central Zone provides core health services to 400,000 Halifax region residents (40% of the population of Nova Scotia) and tertiary and quaternary acute care services to residents of Atlantic Canada. The QEII Health Sciences Centre is the principal teaching hospital affiliated with Dalhousie University, and a center for health care research.

The successful candidate will have a PhD and/or MD Degree. Advanced training and/or experience in Epidemiology or Population Health is required. Experience with health informatics, data repository
oversight, and working collaboratively with government and health authorities would be an asset.

The position is a five-year, limited term appointment with the possibility of renewal accompanied by an underlying regular academic appointment. The position is subject to renewal for a second five-year term conditional on satisfactory annual performance evaluations and a positive review of the first term as Department Head.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community.

To apply for this exceptional opportunity, applications must include a curriculum vitae and a summary statement of research, teaching and clinical interests. A completed Self-Identification Questionnaire, which is available at www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid will need to be included. Review of applications will begin on June 30, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled.

Please direct applications to aforbeshurley@kbrs.ca or apply online at www.kbrs.ca/Careers/12321
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