

Post-Doctorate Fellowship Opportunity: “Rights for Children and Youth Partnership: Strengthening Collaboration in the Americas (RCYP)”

The research project’s main goal is to increase knowledge of factors, which support or hinder the protection of children and youth rights. It consist of an interdisciplinary collaboration between researchers from universities and governmental, nongovernmental and international organizations in the Caribbean, Central America, as well as the diaspora populations in Canada – as these populations are disproportionately represented in the Canadian judicial and child protection systems.

The RCYP project seeks to fulfill the following three objectives:

- i. Develop a comprehensive understanding of the social, political, economic and social protection factors that contribute to violence against children and youth in the three regions
- ii. Contribute to the creation of evidence-based policies and institutional practices that respond to violence against children and youth in the three regions
- iii. Train students from the three regions in qualitative, quantitative and mixed research methodologies

The project invites applications for a post-doctoral fellow to join as a member of the governance committee. The ideal candidate will have earned a doctorate in Humanities. In addition, the candidate must also possess strong knowledge of, and interest in the topic of violence against children and youth, have a background in quantitative and qualitative research, and possess a theoretical understanding of North-South relationships. The successful candidate will need to be able to adapt to the cultural nuances. The candidate must be willing and able to travel to Central America and the Caribbean. This position involves providing academic and administrative leadership to the project. Strong statistical analysis skills, which should include direct experience working with large survey or administrative datasets and excellent data management skills are required. Knowledge and experience with statistical analysis software (SPSS), strong familiarity with qualitative research methods, such as in-depth interviewing or archival document analysis and use of qualitative software (NVIVO10) would be an asset. Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills: ability to work and communicate with various individuals from a number of different disciplines, technical, educational and cultural backgrounds. Administrative duties are an essential component for this position, preference will be given to candidates that have a strong administrative skillset.

Compensation: The Fellow will receive an annual salary of \$40,000CD, plus benefits, office space at Ryerson University, use of a computer and full access to Ryerson University library. They will be supervised by Dr. Henry Parada and will work closely with researchers, collaborators and partner organizations as well as graduate and undergraduate students. The successful candidate will be required to work from Ryerson University. The Fellow will be provided with the opportunity and support to apply for his/her own grants which complement the work of this project.

Applicants should forward a cover letter, a brief research statement, *curriculum vitae*, and a writing sample, as well as have three confidential academic letters of reference to Dr. Henry Parada at hparada@ryerson.ca. All correspondences should be addressed to:

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