

## **PEERS is hiring for a peer researcher position for communities of people who use drugs!**

Peers Examining Experiences in Research Study (PEERS) is a community-based project that aims to understand how peer researchers experience their involvement in research with four different communities: communities of people who use drugs; racialized communities; consumer/survivor/mental health service user communities; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer (LGBTQ) communities. We hope to learn about what research practices can best support meaningful involvement of peer researchers, within and across these four communities.

We are hiring a part-time (1 day/week) research assistant who has previously worked as a peer researcher on a study about drug use. By peer researcher, we mean someone who was paid to work on a research project for which their lived experience with drug use was a requirement for the job.

**Responsibilities:** Responsibilities will include contributing to: data collection (helping to conduct qualitative interviews with people who have worked as peer researchers), analyzing data from the interviews, and developing products (e.g., written reports, presentations) to share the research findings. You will also be asked to work with the other peer members of the research team to reflect on your experiences with the project, and together develop a product to share your ideas. Other responsibilities may include tasks such as note-taking at meetings and assisting with research reports.

**Requirements:** Previous experience working as a peer researcher on a study about drug use is a requirement for this position. Experience conducting research interviews is also required. You must be able to work well with members of all four communities that are the focus of this study (consumer/survivor/mental health service user; people who use drugs; LGBTQ; racialized). Knowledge of or experience working with any of these communities is a strong asset. Strong communication skills and experience working as part of a team are also required for this position.

**Compensation:** This is a part-time (1 day/week) casual position through the University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health. The initial appointment will be for 6 months, with the possibility of renewal until the end of the 2-year project. The successful applicant must be available to work on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. The rate of pay will be \$25/hr.

**To apply:** Please send your resume/CV and a cover letter (highlighting your experience working as a peer researcher, conducting research interviews and any other relevant skills/experience) to Lori Ross at [peers.dlsph@utoronto.ca](mailto:peers.dlsph@utoronto.ca).

Please visit our website (<http://www.lgbtqhealth.ca/projects/peersstudy.php>) for more information about the project.

**Closing Date:** October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 11:59 a.m.