

POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN

Language and Literacy Education, Department of Elementary Education
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Duration: 1 year with the possibility of extension (up to two years), 4 days/week

Start date: August - October 2019

Annual Stipend: \$50,000 (plus benefits)

Job Description Summary

The successful candidate will work with Dr. Linda Laidlaw (University of Alberta) and Dr. Jennifer Rowsell (University of Bristol, Bristol, UK) and their research team at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on their SSHRC Partnership Development Research Project: Reimagining Literacy Education: Being Literate in the Twenty-First Century. The postdoc will also involve travel to Bristol for partnership collaboration work with Dr. Rowsell. This international partnership project is focused on digital literacy, maker literacies, and literacy learning with technologies in the elementary grades, exploring the everyday use of digital media by teachers and children in and out of the classroom.

The postdoctoral scholar will have an interest in understanding how literacy education is responding to shifts in digital practice and in the development of new frames for teaching and learning. The successful candidate will:

a) assist with project management and collaboration with the project team; b) work collaboratively with Dr. Laidlaw and Dr. Rowsell on their makerspace and digital literacies data collection and analysis; c) further develop digital communications across the team, such as with the project website, d) work on academic and professional publications, and e) continue to develop their own program of research.

As a Postdoctoral Fellow, the successful candidate will actively contribute to the research and intellectual life at the University of Alberta, and will be mentored in grant preparation, research activities, and knowledge mobilization. The postdoc will have the opportunity to apply to teach in graduate and undergraduate programs as a sessional instructor, and engage in the mentoring of graduate students, in addition to the wider graduate community. The individual will also be eligible to apply for internal funding to leverage the development and dissemination of their research.

Qualifications

- Candidates must have been awarded a PhD or EdD within 3 years of the start of the position
- Doctorate in Language and Literacy, with research interests in digital literacies
- An emerging record of scholarly productivity
- Preference given to those who have teaching experiences in elementary education or early years education
- A strong background in qualitative educational research methods
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills
- High level of initiative and ability to work independently

Application details

Please include in the application package:

- Cover letter/letter of interest
- Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of completion of PhD or EdD
- Two examples of recent scholarly writing/publications
- Three letters of reference (to be sent directly from referees to Dr. Laidlaw at the email address below)

Completed applications should be sent electronically in one PDF document to Dr. Linda Laidlaw at eleduc@ualberta.ca. The final date for applications is June 30, 2019. Consideration of applications will start immediately and continue until the positions are filled.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted. *All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.*

The University of Alberta is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.