



IPLAI-Henry Luce Foundation Graduate Assistant in Practice Based Research

IPLAI seeks a graduate student for Sept 2017-April 2018 as part of our year-long pilot project on models of researcher-artist practice-based research (PBR). With funding from the Henry Luce Foundation IPLAI has established two teams of McGill researchers (two researchers in each team), who will be working in close collaboration with an artist. The first research team is Prof. Lawrence Joseph and Prof Ian Gold. Their project concerns the experiences of women and psychiatric care in the Montreal health care system. The second research team is Prof. Argerie Tsimicalis and Prof. Franco Carnevale. Their project concerns issues of autonomy, agency and morality in children with brittle bone disease.

In each case an artist will work closely with the research teams at all phases of the development, implementation, analysis and dissemination of the research. There is the expectation that each research team will present the results of their studies in a non-standard creative way (among others), and that the artists will play a major role in determining what form(s) this will take.

While interesting and effective examples of practice based research are now common, there is still relatively little documentation on the collaborative process itself between researchers and artists. We wish to investigate the collaborative process, and so seek a graduate student to:

- follow both research teams,
- conduct interviews and other methods of data collection,
- produce a document (in partnership with the research teams) outlining the progression of the research projects,
- identify problems that arose, solutions found (or not found),
- make proposals for best practices in PBR.

We therefore seek a graduate student with experience in ethnographic research methods, a strong interest in practice based research, and, ideally, some knowledge or interest in qualitative research methods more generally. Interest in the research topics is, of course, a plus!

The pay will be \$8000 CN total for the Fall and Winter terms. Each research team will also have a pool of money that could be used for project related expenses. The graduate student must be fluent in English and French. The graduate student will work closely with the research teams, under the supervision, and with guidance from, IPLAI.

Applications should include:

- cv
- letter of interest
- 2 letters of recommendation (addressed to Prof. Eric Lewis and Dr. Sheetal Lodhia)

Applications should be sent electronically to:

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The application deadline is July 5, 2017

