

Postdoctoral Fellow in Playful Schools

The Canadian Playful Schools Network (CPSN), funded by the [LEGO Foundation](#), is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship. The CPSN leadership team is located in the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), directed by Dr. Andy Hargreaves and Dr. Trista Hollweck.

The CPSN (<https://playjouer.ca/>) is a newly-established bilingual (French/English) network of publicly-funded schools from across Canada that leverages learning through play in grades 4 to 8 to improve engagement and well-being for students traditionally marginalized by systems of schooling – especially through green (outdoors and natural), screen (digital) or machine (makerspace) based innovations.

The postdoctoral fellow will join the team as an intellectual leader, collaborating in the development and implementation of the research strands of the network in a context of rapid innovation. The [CPSN leadership team](#) consists of experts passionate about play, with interests that span a range of research areas, such as professional networks, student engagement, wellbeing and identities, digital literacies, linguistic minority rights, language learning, democratic education, anti-racism, equity and inclusion. The successful applicant will work closely with these “playful” leaders as a member of the core team. More details about the project and the team can be found at www.playjouer.ca.

The candidate should be comfortable with, and perhaps thrive within, a fast-paced, complex project that is responsive to the needs of network members in multiple provinces, where words like ‘flexible’ and ‘pivot’ are commonplace. A candidate who learns through play in their own daily work and life would be welcome.

The successful candidate will be supervised by Dr. Trista Hollweck, a Research Fellow with the Faculty of Education and Dr. Andy Hargreaves, Adjunct Professor with the Faculty of Education. Responsibilities will include the co-development of specific research goals, data collection, management and analyses. Other members of the CPSN leadership team will collaborate with the successful candidate on various elements of the research strands. The fellow will be responsible for supervising research assistants assigned when needed to support aspects of the research strands.

The successful candidate will, when necessary, communicate in writing or by phone/video with network partners including the international advisory board, provincial education leaders, researchers and school staff. The postdoctoral fellow will also develop knowledge sharing products including academic publications and practice-focused offerings, which may be videos, stories, or other forms of knowledge mobilization. The CPSN project leaders and team will make every effort to work with the

successful candidate to integrate project responsibilities and accomplishments with the candidate's own career development needs and goals.

The University of Ottawa, located on the unceded territory of the Anishinabé-Algonquin people, in the heart of Canada's capital, which provides world-class cultural and recreational opportunities. The University of Ottawa is one of Canada's top-ten research intensive universities, and the world's largest English/French bilingual university. The University of Ottawa is committed to ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion in the scholarly and leadership environments of our students, staff, and faculty. While all qualified persons are invited to apply, we welcome applications from Indigenous persons, racialized persons (visible minority members), persons with disabilities, women and LGBTQ2 persons"

Required qualifications

- Doctorate (Ph.D. or Ed.D) in Education or related fields completed within the past 5 years
- Expertise related to one or more modes of play in relation to learning (Green, Screen, Machine, Everything in Between - see description on playjouer.ca)
- Bilingual French/English – Strong ability to read, write and speak in French and English
- Skills and experience conducting qualitative case studies
- Experience analyzing qualitative and quantitative data
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Understanding of effective knowledge mobilization approaches
- Experience working with collaborative teams
- Knowledge of K-12 education systems, preferably in the Canadian context
- Demonstrated research productivity and publications or clear potential in these areas

Duration of appointment

- 9 months (October 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) with the possibility of renewal
- Full-time hours (35 hours/week)

Location

- Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Employee will work in a hybrid environment (online/in-person)
- Office space will be provided at uOttawa campus
- Travel to CPSN schools will likely be required

Salary

- \$65,000/year plus benefits (\$48,750 for the 9 month term)

How to Apply

Please send your application as a single file to playjouer@uottawa.ca. Application materials should include:

- i. A cover letter describing career goals, research interests, and reasons for applying;
- ii. Your CV;

iii. Contact information for two (2) references.

The deadline for Applications is August 5, 2022.

Please use the same email address (playjouer@uottawa.ca) to ask any questions about this position and/or about the application process.

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Le jeu au coeur des apprentissages
Play at the heart of learning

Nous rendons hommage au peuple algonquin, gardien traditionnel de cette terre. Nous reconnaissons le lien sacré de longue date l'unissant à ce territoire, qui demeure non cédé. Nous rendons également hommage à toutes les personnes autochtones qui habitent Ottawa, qu'elles soient de la région ou d'ailleurs au Canada. Nous reconnaissons les gardiennes et gardiens des savoirs traditionnels de tous âges. Nous honorons aussi leurs dirigeantes et dirigeants d'hier, d'aujourd'hui et de demain, au courage indéniable.

We pay respect to the Algonquin people, who are the traditional guardians of this land. We acknowledge their longstanding relationship with this territory, which remains unceded. We pay respect to all Indigenous people in this region, from all nations across Canada, who call Ottawa home. We acknowledge the traditional knowledge keepers, both young and old. And we honour their courageous leaders: past, present, and future