THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Okanagan Campus

Faculty of Medicine
Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

We're Recruiting! Funded PhD Position in Parkinson's Disease Research at University of British Columbia

Interested in research that could improve the health and quality of life of people living with Parkinson's disease?

Dr. Sarah Purcell and Dr. Daryl Wile at the **University of British Columbia, Department of Medicine,** are looking for a motivated PhD student to join an exciting interdisciplinary research program focused on **improving bone health and preventing fractures in people living with Parkinson's disease.** The student will receive a guaranteed minimum stipend of $40,000 (CAD) per year for 4 years.

This innovative project brings together research and research methods in nutrition, physical activity, osteoporosis, neurology, and implementation science to tackle an important but often overlooked aspect of Parkinson's care.

What makes this opportunity exciting?
This position is based at the UBC Faculty of Medicine Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Management, in Kelowna BC (UBC Okanagan Campus). You'll work alongside an interdisciplinary team of researchers, clinicians, and people with lived experience to:

- Investigate the relationships between bone health, nutrition, physical activity, and falls risk in people with Parkinson's disease.
- Identify opportunities to improve osteoporosis assessment and care.
- Co-design practical resources with patients and healthcare professionals to improve bone health management.
- Help translate research findings into meaningful improvements in clinical practice.

Who are we looking for?
An enthusiastic, curious, and collaborative student with an MSc (completed or nearing completion) in nutrition, kinesiology, exercise science, medicine, or a related field.
You'll be supervised by Dr. Sarah Purcell and work closely with Dr. Daryl Wile and a collaborative network of researchers, healthcare professionals, and patient partners.

Applicants interested in postdoctoral fellowship opportunities may also be considered.

Interested in making a difference through research? We'd love to hear from you!
Email your CV and cover letter to sarah.purcell@ubc.ca and daryl.wile@ubc.ca
Deadline to apply: January 1, 2027