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## Call for Applications for Patient-Centred Measurement Methods Cluster Lead

The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) (the Unit) is a multi-partner organization created to support, streamline and increase patient-oriented research throughout BC. We define [Methods Clusters](#) as communities of methodologists, who partner with relevant stakeholders, to develop and test specific research methodology in the context of patient-oriented research. The Unit has established the following clusters, with associated leadership:

- Knowledge Translation & Implementation Science (Dr. Linda Li)
- Real-World Clinical Trials (Dr. Hubert Wong)
- Health Economics & Simulation Modelling (Drs. Nick Bansback & David Whitehurst)
- Data Sciences (Dr. Leanne Currie)
- Patient Engagement in Health Research (Dr. Erin Michalak)

We are now excited to move forward and recruit a lead for one further Methods Cluster, in a 0.2 FTE role. The new cluster, to commence in early 2018, will be in:

- Patient-Centred Measurement

Through fostering existing or emerging communities of methodologists (including experts based within health care organizations), the Unit's methods clusters are coordinating a province-wide effort in methods development and support related to patient-oriented research. Each Methods Cluster has two primary objectives:

- 1) Methods development and application: To foster new methodological knowledge, inquiry and innovation applicable to patient-oriented research.
- 2) Training, capacity-building and mentoring: To build and support BC-based methods expertise.

Additionally, as a community of methodologists, methods clusters will facilitate sharing of patient-oriented research opportunities. Cluster Leads will work collaboratively, both with leads for other clusters and with the Unit's operational leads in relevant areas, e.g., patient engagement, data, etc.

### Methods Cluster Lead

Cluster Leads are BC-based academics with a strong track-record of leadership in the methodology area. They work collaboratively with, and report to, the Unit's Scientific Director. Roles and responsibilities include:

- Defining the operational model most appropriate to their methods cluster
- Developing work plans and budget proposals
- Supporting delivery on all objectives by the community of methodologists
- Participating in the Unit's Science Council alongside other methods cluster leads, Unit leadership and the Scientific Director

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Funding will be available to compensate the lead's home organization for the one day per week (0.2 FTE) that the lead will dedicate to methods cluster work. A co-leadership model is possible with two co-leads dedicating half a day per week.

If you are interested in applying and would like more information, please inquire with the BC SUPPORT Unit's Scientific Director, Dr. Stirling Bryan ([sbryan@bcsupportunit.ca](mailto:sbryan@bcsupportunit.ca)).

## How to apply

**Email** [info@bcsupportunit.ca](mailto:info@bcsupportunit.ca) with your CV (Canadian Common CV – Generic CV) and cover letter outlining your vision for the Methods Cluster of interest and your relevant experience and expertise. In addition, please include demonstrations of support for your application from the relevant BC methodology community.

**Use Subject line**, "Application to lead PCM Methods Cluster"

**Deadline: November 15, 2017, at 5:00pm**

## Review process

All applications will be screened for eligibility (i.e., BC-based academics with a track record in the relevant methodology area) by BC SUPPORT Unit staff.

Eligible applications will undergo review by a panel comprising leadership of both the BC SUPPORT Unit and the BC Patient-Centred Measurement Working Group, external (non-BC) scientific experts in the relevant field, patients and other stakeholder groups.

All applications will be assessed in relation to five criteria:

- Vision for the development of the methodological field in BC, especially in relation to patient-oriented research
- Leadership experience, particularly in relation to the methodology area
- Experience in methods research, development and application
- Training, capacity-building and mentoring experience
- Demonstrated support of the relevant BC methodology community