

Hiring a postdoctoral researcher in behaviour change

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral researcher position examining behaviour change in multiple contexts, including health behaviours, personal goals, and political polarization. The postdoctoral researcher will be splitting their time between two different labs, working with Drs. Marina Milyavskaya (<https://carleton.ca/goallab/>), Rachel Burns (<https://carleton.ca/healthpsychlab/>) and Michael Wohl (<https://carleton.ca/bettermentlabs/>) in the Department of Psychology at Carleton University, in Ottawa, Canada.

The postdoctoral researcher will work on multiple projects, including analyzing data and writing papers for a project on behaviour goal change and habits led by Drs. Milyavskaya and Burns as well as projects on attitude and behaviour change as it related to intergroup relations (e.g., increased allyship and reduced political polarization) with Dr. Wohl. Candidates are also encouraged to bring their ideas and prior experience to help develop and implement new projects and lines of research. Candidates will also have the opportunity to mentor undergraduate and graduate students.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A PhD in social psychology or in an adjacent field (e.g., motivation science, cognitive psychology, health psychology) by the start date
- A strong academic track record including publications in leading international journals.
- An interest in bridging basic and applied research
- Excellent knowledge of advanced statistics and prior experience working with complex data (e.g., multilevel modelling, Bayesian approaches, network analysis, structural equation modelling).
- Experience with one or more of the following methodologies: experience sampling, collecting psychophysiological data (i.e., physiological measures of effort); machine learning
- Good computational and/or programming skills (e.g., mastery of R, experimental software, simulations, machine learning).
- Experience or interest in practices of transparency and open science
- Experience and interest in training and supervising junior scientists.
- Excellent organizational skills and efficient working style.

This is a one-year position, with a possibility of renewal. The postdoc can start in either the Summer or Fall of 2023, as will be mutually agreed upon.

Interested candidates are asked to send (1) a letter of interest that describes research accomplishments, skills, interest in the position, and future research plans, (2) a CV, and (3) names and contact information of 2-3 professional references to marina.milyavskaya@carleton.ca with “Postdoc application” in the subject line. Dr. Milyavskaya will be available to meet with interested candidates at the SDT 2023 conference in Orlando, and Dr. Wohl will be available to meet with interested candidates at the EASP 2023 conference in Krakow.