

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Behavioural Decision Sciences (Vaping Decisions and Behaviours)

The Ivey Business School, Western University seeks postdoctoral scholars who wish to apply for a position as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Behavioural and Decision Sciences under the [Western 2023 Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#). This program seeks to attract diverse postdoctoral talent from a global candidate pool, who will contribute positively to research excellence.

The successful postdoctoral fellow will study young adult vaping decisions and behaviours, funded by a Social Science and Humanities Research Council grant (SSHRC) and Western University. This position will include full time scholarship and research in London Ontario. The successful applicant will receive a stipend of \$60,000/year plus benefits and a \$5,000 research award. There will be opportunities to apply for additional funding.

The successful applicant will work with Dr. Laurel Austin and will be encouraged to foster interdisciplinary collaboration with researchers across the university. The research will build upon ongoing qualitative research that seeks to understand influences on vaping decisions and behaviours of youth aged 16-21. Current efforts focus on how the pandemic and related public health restrictions, e.g., extended stay-at-home orders, impacted vaping decisions and behaviours.

A mental models research method will form the basis of the research. The approach integrates two research traditions: elicitation and modelling of domain experts' evidence-based beliefs about a topic to frame the research and guide analysis; and, in-depth interview research to elicit and describe the beliefs of other stakeholders. When appropriate, quantitative survey research follows to determine prevalence of beliefs at a population level. Risk communications may be developed as part of this research.

The successful applicant will have relevant training in behavioural and/or decision science research theories and methods, and have an interest in applying qualitative and quantitative research methods. Successful applicants might have a degree in cognitive psychology, decision sciences, behavioural sciences, behavioural economics, or health sciences. The start date will be approximately September 1, 2023.

There is a three-phase adjudication process for the Western Postdoctoral Fellowship program:

- **By April 26:** Express your interest in applying for this fellowship by contacting Dr. Laurel Austin at laustin@ivey.ca. Please send an introductory email/cover-letter, an up-to-date CV, a sample of your academic writing, and the names and emails of at least two academic references. You may ask up to two references to send letters of recommendations directly to Dr. Austin, if time allows.

- **By May 10:** The selected Scholar will be invited to submit a Western Fellowship Application including letters of support from two (2) referees. (The required letters of support from two referees must be sent directly to the Research Office (researchoffice@ivey.ca) by each referee.) Dr. Austin will submit a letter of support as part of the application. Applications will be adjudicated by a committee within Ivey Business School; **after potential revisions, selected applications will be submitted by May 19** to the university for adjudication by a committee chaired by the Associate Vice-President (Research). Adjudication criteria can be found in the [Western Fellowship Program Guidelines](#).

If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact Laurel Austin directly at laustin@ivey.ca at your earliest convenience.

The University seeks applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please note that with your expression of interest.