

## Youth Engagement Opportunity: Youth Research Advisory Panel

*Are you a youth aged 12-24 with lived or living experience of mental illness or mental health challenges located in BC? Are you interested in informing the research process at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine? This is the opportunity for you!*

This project is committed to be accessible to any youth in British Columbia. If you do not have any experience or knowledge of what research is, we will provide that knowledge to you.

### What is this opportunity?

This project, based out of the UBC Faculty of Medicine is focused on creating a Mental Health Research Youth Advisory Council composed of six youth with lived / living experience to inform the development and mobilization of knowledge for youth mental health and substance use services and support. This Council will engage young people and the Faculty of Medicine to inform the mental health and substance use system response to COVID-19 for young people and families in BC and beyond. This opportunity will allow youth members to expand their knowledge of research and inform the response to youth mental health in the aftermath of COVID-19.

This is a content heavy opportunity including reading and discussing research proposals. **All youth, no matter their academic experience or previous research experience are invited to apply.** Accessibility is a core value. All avenues and means will be explored to allow youth with varying needs to take part in this advisory.

This opportunity will include:

- Weekly or bi-weekly meetings held virtually from October 2020 until July 2021.
- This advisory will be reviewing research proposals and other materials from the Faculty of Medicine regarding COVID-19 research funding.
- Advising researchers and the Faculty of Medicine on processes to identify COVID-19 research topics and priorities that are important to youth and families, including unmet needs.
- Providing recommendations and advice on the conduct of youth- and family-oriented mental health research

### Training and Support

This opportunity will require some orientation with all materials being provided for you. This project is committed to be low barrier. If you do not have any experience or knowledge of what research is, we will provide that knowledge to you. *We want to see you thrive and lead these changes.*

This opportunity will be offered with an honorarium of \$25 per hour.

If you think this opportunity is a good fit for you- please fill out this survey.

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Questions? Email, text or call Dan Nixon for more information by Friday September 11.

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