**CURRENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR MSC APPLICANTS**

**Graduate Program:** Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics MSc Program  
**Research Clusters:** Mental Health & Addictions; Health Services Research  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Kelly Anderson  
**Supervisor’s Affiliations:** Assistant Professor, Departments of Epidemiology & Biostatistics and Psychiatry  
Adjunct Scientist, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences  
**Vacancies:** 2  
**Term:** 2 Years  

**Student Position Description:** There are nearly 5,000 newly diagnosed cases of psychotic disorder every year in Ontario, and timely and adequate management of the first episode is a clinical imperative; however, many people have difficulties accessing specialized services. The family physician (FP) has been highlighted as a key player in facilitating access, but there are many challenges with the recognition and management of psychotic disorders in primary care. I am seeking MSc students to join a program of research using a novel integration of health administrative data and electronic medical records to study how young people with first-episode psychosis interact with primary care, and the practice patterns of FPs when treating suspected and confirmed cases. Trainees will have the opportunity to acquire skills in the analysis of health administrative data via the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. Funding is available for this project.  

**To Apply:** Applicants must independently apply to the Epidemiology and Biostatistics MSc graduate program, using the online Western [application portal](https://www.westernu.ca), including a clear reference to this research project in the Statement of Academic Interest.  

**Application Deadline:** January 15  

**Contact Information:** Questions regarding the application process, or inquiries about the Epidemiology and Biostatistics program may be addressed to the Academic Program Coordinator. Questions about this graduate student opportunity posting may be addressed to [kelly.anderson@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:kelly.anderson@schulich.uwo.ca).