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 graduate program, using the online Western application portal including a clear reference to this research project, using the posting identification number, 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 Programs Coordinator.

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