



## Call for Applications – Deadline MAY 6th, 2016

June 6-10th McGill-IHSP Summer Program

McGill University, Montreal, Canada

### **IHSP Research to Policy Dragon's Den**

June 6th-10th of 2016, the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy (IHSP) is hosting a unique training opportunity in translating research to policy. Mentored by a select group of academics, policy, practice and media experts, participants will take on an important current policy challenge, develop an evidence-based proposal for policy change, and design effective strategies for moving it to action.

**Topic in 2016: Refugee Settlement Policy:** We explore the different ways that refugees make their ways to Canada (government-assisted, privately sponsored, asylum seekers) and the policy frameworks that shape their experiences once they are here.

#### **Participants will hone their skills in:**

- Using research to impact policy
- Working and thinking across sectors and disciplines
- Developing policy proposals at community, local, provincial and national levels
- Validating and refining their proposals with input from practice and policy experts and from individuals who would be impacted by the policy
- “Selling” an idea to prominent policy, practice, community and media leaders

#### **This 5-day intensive workshop will include:**

- Cross-disciplinary research and policy approaches for addressing a key current challenge to health and well-being.
- Team development of proposals for policy change at diverse levels of government, supported by expert mentors.
- Discussions with policymakers, practitioners and/or community leaders to validate and refine policy proposals.
- Team development of strategies for influencing policymakers and the media, supported by expert mentors.
- Dragon's Den! Team pitching of policy proposal to prominent policy and media leaders.
- All proposals will be featured on the IHSP's website and the best proposal will be highlighted in our bi-monthly newsletter which reaches policymakers, researchers and community partners across Canada and globally.

This is non-credit training open to advanced students, practitioners and policymakers.

Participation fee: CAN \$250. A limited number of travel bursaries are available.

**Program and Application Details:** <https://www.mcgill.ca/ihsp/events/dragonsden>

**Please note:** No prior experience or knowledge of refugee settlement is required to participate in this program.