

Master Students, Doctoral Students or Post-Doctoral Research Fellows
recruited for

**AT-SELECT: Understanding the issues around adoption of e-decision support for
self-selection of assistive technology by elders**

Project Description

This study will identify barriers and facilitators for transferability of an e-decision assistive technology self-selection system, with a focus on the influence of social and ethical factors. We will adapt a limited portion of a UK tool to the Canadian context for two complex and essential activities of daily living (bathing and toileting). Specifically, two objectives are addressed: 1) to evaluate the feasibility of adapting a UK e-decision support system to the English and French Canadian context and 2) to explore the readiness for e-decision support system for self-selection of AT in Canada. This project will investigate the various cultural, ethical, and social issues that surround the adoption of such a technology.

Who We Are

Emerging researchers Pre Manon Guay (Research Center on Aging and Université de Sherbrooke) and Pre Claudine Auger (Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal and Université de Montréal) are co-leading this partnership between Canadian scientists and ADL Smartcare's team from UK. AT-SELECT is an AGE-WELL project (www.age-well-nce.ca), a national research network in technology and aging whose aim is to help older Canadians to maintain their independence, health and quality of life through accessible technologies that increase their safety and security, support their independent living, and enhance their social participation. We are focusing on understanding the various factors that may affect the acceptance of assistive technologies by older adults and their caregivers.

Positions offered

- Our team will be offering financial support to two trainees registering in Université de Sherbrooke or Université de Montréal.
- MSc students, PhD students or postdoctoral fellows are eligible.
- Position is available immediately. Initial appointment is for one year at first, with possible renewal for another 1-2 years upon mutual satisfaction and funding availability.

Qualifications Required & Preferred

- Background in health-related discipline, such as psychology, occupational therapy, nursing, community health and public policy, or public health.
- Clinical experience with older adults and their caregivers and bilingualism are assets.
- Please forward a cover letter and CV to Manon.Guay@USherbrooke.ca.