VACANCY: Postdoctoral Fellow – Transboundary Governance Networks

Duration: 1 year with the possibility of extension. Salary: $40,000 CAD + benefits. Start date: As soon as possible.

Dr. Gordon M. Hickey is seeking an exceptional postdoctoral researcher to join his research team to work on transboundary fisheries governance, with a particular focus on understanding the inter-relationships between different dimensions of trust, control and risk in policy networks. The initial focus will be on the transboundary Salish Sea and Gulf of Maine regions of North America, with opportunities for broader international research experience offered.

The project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and involves partners at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, USA and Wageningen University, the Netherlands.

This exciting and high-profile research opportunity will involve diverse networking opportunities with actors involved in fisheries governance and inter-jurisdictional travel within Canada and the USA to collect and disseminate data. As a result, the successful candidate will be offered a high degree of professional exposure. The position is based in the Sustainable Futures Research Laboratory in the Department of Natural Resource Sciences at McGill University (http://sustainability-research.mcgill.ca).

This dynamic group is working on international, leading edge research related to sustainable natural resource management, policy and governance. The position will commence as soon as filled, and continue for 12 months with the potential for extension, subject to funding.

Essential Duties: The primary responsibilities of the incumbent will be to conduct innovative research and to help manage an active research laboratory. The specific duties will include literature review, primary and secondary data collection, analysis and interpretation and the preparation of manuscripts in cooperation with the P.I. and project team members. The successful candidate will also be responsible for training graduate students and contributing to the development of competitive research grants as needed.

Minimum Qualifications:
The applicant must have completed a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline within the last three years and have primary publications in refereed, English language journals, fluency in written and spoken English, the ability to work cooperatively with the P.I., and strong organizational skills.

Preferred Qualifications:
Candidates should have expertise in management and public policy networks (e.g., alliance networks, policy networks, network governance, social network analysis), excellent communication skills, and the ability to work semi-independently. It is anticipated that the data collected and analyzed will have the potential for significant contributions to literatures on the following topics:
- Sustainable natural resource management
- Innovation systems
- Institutional entrepreneurship
- Public policy and regulation
- Network governance
- Transboundary environmental governance

For more information, or to apply for this position, please send a cover letter describing your research background, interests, and qualifications; a sample publication highlighting your research experience; plus a curriculum vitae and contact information for at least two references to gordon.hickey@mcgill.ca.

Application deadline: Open until filled. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.