Postdoctoral Fellowship Exploring Migrant Integration in Small and Medium-Sized Towns and Rural Areas

Glendon Political Science seeks one or two postdoctoral fellows to join the Horizon 2020 project Whole-COMM: Exploring the Integration of Post-2014 Migrants in Small and Medium-Sized Towns and Rural Areas from a Whole of Community Perspective. A consortium of researchers based at twelve institutions in Europe plus Turkey and Canada, the project investigates the recent growing migrant presence in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas, viewing migrant integration as a process of community-making and filling a gap in existing research and policy debates which have been concerned primarily with migrant integration in large cities. Working under the supervision of professor Willem Maas with the support of colleagues at Glendon and the rest of York University, the postdoctoral fellow will analyze the relations between local policy actors involved in migrant integration in selected small and medium-sized towns and rural areas in Canada with provincial and national authorities and stakeholders to deepen our understanding of the multilevel governance and political dynamics of migration and citizenship. Besides conducting this research and participating in Whole-COMM's other scientific and policy objectives, the fellow will also participate in Glendon Political Science activities and will normally teach a one-semester undergraduate seminar annually. While the precise dates are negotiable, the position would normally start in August 2021, would normally be based in Toronto (flexibility in light of the pandemic can be discussed, though the project will involve fieldwork in selected small and medium-sized towns and rural areas in Canada, and the teaching at least in the second year would normally be on campus), and would normally last approximately 24 months.

Qualifications required: PhD (completed or on the verge of completion) in political science or related discipline; ability to work in English; demonstrated research background in migration and citizenship.

Qualifications preferred: knowledge of Canadian or comparative politics and policies concerning migration and citizenship; experience with qualitative analysis, including interviews; teaching experience at the university level; some knowledge of French (as Glendon is YorkU's bilingual faculty) and/or other languages would be an asset; publications in the area of migration and citizenship.

Compensation: negotiable based on experience but in line with typical Canadian postdoctoral fellowships (approx $45,000 per year, plus benefits). Assistance available for candidates from outside Canada. Additional funding for research expenses, including conference travel, fieldwork expenses, professional memberships, plus up to $5000 to organize a workshop or symposium in the fellow's area of interest.

Please send a CV, letter of interest highlighting relevant background, skills, and expectations, sample publication(s), and contact information for three references to professor Willem Maas at maas@yorku.ca with "Whole-COMM postdoctoral position" in the subject heading. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis before the application deadline of 1 March 2021; only short-listed candidates will be contacted.