Call for Applications, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology at Glendon College, York University

The Department of Sociology at Glendon College, York University is pleased to announce a competition for a Postdoctoral Fellowship, tenable at York University for the period of one year, commencing May 1, 2020. The fellowship will be part of a research project examining the Canadian environmental movement, under the academic direction of Dr. Joanna Robinson, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology.

We invite applications from interdisciplinary scholars who have earned a doctorate in the Social Sciences and have a research background in fields such as environmental politics, political sociology and contentious politics. The Fellow will devote part of their time to a project associated with the research project. The goal of the research is to examine the environmental movement’s response to the changing political and economic context in Canada, including the emphasis on resource extraction, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines, and the decreasing capacity of the movement to influence climate policy. The research will examine how environmental leaders and organizations in Canada are adapting to the shift in political opportunities, including adopting new tactics and frames, and building relationships across movement sectors. The research will advance our understanding of the processes that contribute to successful revitalization of the environmental movement in Canada.

The Fellow will work with the research team to complete data collection, including in-depth digitally-recorded interviews with environmental movement leaders and rank-and-file members of environmental organizations in Canada (mainly in Toronto, Vancouver and Ottawa) and Social Network Analysis (SNA) of environmental advocacy networks. Interviews with leaders from other movement sectors will also be completed. Other duties include assisting with data analysis and dissemination through publications and conference presentations and media stories.

The successful candidate will have strong qualitative research and analysis skills related to social science research, including direct experience conducting in-depth qualitative interviews, archival and ethnographic research, SNA analysis, document analysis, and qualitative data analysis and management. Knowledge of qualitative analysis software (such as NVivo or ATLAS.ti) and SNA software is required. Graduate level training in qualitative social science research methodology is required. The Fellow will have opportunities to collaborate on publications, participate in conference presentations, and engage in other forms of knowledge mobilization during the tenure of the Fellowship.

The Fellow will receive an annual salary of $48,000 (plus benefits), office space at Glendon College, York University, use of a computer and full access to Glendon College and York University libraries. They will be supervised by Dr. Joanna Robinson and will...
work closely with other members of the research team. While the research project is based in Toronto, there is a possibility that the Fellow could be based in either Toronto or Vancouver, where the majority of the interviews and research will take place.

Applications will be reviewed starting on March 20, 2020 for a position to commence May 1, 2020 (or to be negotiated). Applicants should forward, by email, a cover letter, a research statement, curriculum vitae, and a writing sample, as well as have three confidential academic letters of reference sent to Joanna Robinson: jrobinson@glendon.york.ca

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Applications from Canadian and non-Canadian scholars are welcome.