

Job Information

Position Title: Doctoral Fellow in Critical Policy Studies / Social Network Analysis

Supervisor: Prof Chris Hurl

Unit: Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Location: Sir George Williams Campus, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec

Background

I am seeking a Doctoral Fellow to work with me on a SSHRC-funded project entitled “Brokering Infrastructures: Transnational Professional Service Firms and the Politics of Valuation in Canada and Germany.” The project will investigate the influence of professional service firms in assessing urban infrastructure projects from a cross-national comparative perspective.

Undertaking a study of value-for-money assessments in municipalities across Canada and Germany between 2008 and 2019, it will look at the extent to which these firms have been able to position themselves as intermediaries, actively brokering the flow of policy information and expertise transnationally. We will explore the degree to which such firms have facilitated the convergence of infrastructure policies across different jurisdictions, as well as mapping their embeddedness in political and economic networks cross-nationally.

Overall Purpose of Doctoral Position

As a researcher with the project, in collaboration and with the guidance of the supervisor and within the bounds of the project mandate, the Doctoral Fellow in Critical Policy Studies and Social Network Analysis will undertake research leading to publication in leading international journals. More specifically, the Doctoral Fellow will be responsible for the following tasks and activities: social network analysis mapping interconnections of firms with political and economic elites cross-nationally; literature reviews; primary and secondary data collection; presenting research; writing up research for publication; writing up research for policy and stakeholder audiences; developing and maintaining a project website and social media presence (e.g. Twitter); helping to organize events; and other activities as required.

Key Responsibilities

The Doctoral Fellowship will have the following responsibilities:

- Undertake Social Network Analysis utilizing SNA software programs (i.e. UCINET, R, Gephi)
- Undertake literature reviews, covering fields including financialization, critical accounting research, organization studies, economic sociology and political economy.
- Data analysis using qualitative and quantitative software programs (e.g. NVivo, SPSS, Excel);
- Presenting research at international conferences and other events
- Writing up research for publication in leading international journals (and publishers)
- Writing up research for policy and stakeholder audiences

Skills and Qualifications

The candidate should be applying for or enrolled in a PhD in Sociology or a related discipline.

Experience with Social Network Analysis and relevant software (UCINET, R, Gephi) is an asset. Experience in the financial sector or with accounting or related fields is an asset. Strong theoretical interest in areas relating to financialization and critical accounting studies is an asset.

Terms and Conditions

The doctoral fellowship based in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology will be 40 hours per month.

The contract will be for one year, renewable for a second year.

- Year One: September 2019-August 2020: \$13,440.00
- Year Two: September 2019-May 2020: \$11,200.00

The candidate does not need to be attending Concordia University to be eligible, but they must be in a PhD program.

How to Apply

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents:

- A cover letter outlining how your experience matches the requirements
- A detailed and up to date CV
- Names of three referees, including their email addresses

Please submit all documents by email to Chris Hurl at chris.hurl@concordia.ca by 31 April 2019. Qualified applicants will be invited for an interview to be conducted by telephone or Skype. Only those applicants selected for consideration will be contacted.