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

About the research

I am seeking two Doctoral Fellows 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 investigate 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.

Financial Commitments

The doctoral fellowships based in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology will be will be 40 hours per month.
Two positions will be offered:

- September 2019-August 2020: $13,440.00
- September 2019-June 2020: $11,200.00

Selected candidates will also be considered for merit-based entrance awards, as well as tuition fee remissions based on residency eligibility.

Requirements

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.

Please contact Chris Hurl for further information.