

Graduate Student Position, 2017 (Master's) – Native Studies

Research project: The Faculty of Native Studies (FNS) at the University of Alberta is seeking one full-time master's student to act as Research Assistant for the study, *Introducing the emotional and affective geographies of law: Strengthening community through the practice and feeling(s) of Inuit law*. Based upon research priorities established in conjunction with elders in Kugaaruk, Nunavut, the project will investigate the enactment of Inuit socio-legal norms, affect and emotionality in respect of subsistence activities and everyday community life. A distinctive aspect of the study's action-oriented qualitative methodology includes elder-led youth land camps.

The successful applicant will work toward the Master of Arts in Native Studies under the supervision of Dr. Sean Robertson. The MA Candidate will have the opportunity to develop an independent research question and theoretical approach intersecting with the outlines of this SSHRC Insight Grant-funded study.

Financial support and responsibilities: The FNS offers a two-year, thesis-based master's degree. Support will be provided in the form of a Research Assistantship salary of \$15,000 (inclusive per annum) for two years. The position will involve research-related activities between April and September (may involve travel to Nunavut each summer) and other duties throughout the year in conformity with established graduate student employment terms.

The MA Candidate will receive training and be responsible for a range of activities, possibly including: preparing background bibliographies; ensuring research ethics and Indigenous community protocols are followed; liaising with community partners; the development of communication tools; the collection, transcription, coding, and interpretation of data based on interviews, focus groups, photo- and video-graphy conducted with 30 community members (including in very remote geographical locations); assist with planning and holding academic workshops; and the presentation of findings in publications and at conference presentations.

Other "not guaranteed" sources of funding include teaching assistantships and university-wide scholarships, fellowships and bursaries. The Candidate will be expected to apply for the latter.

How to apply and links to further information:

Deadline: January 9, 2017 - to submit application for full consideration (including university-wide financial support). Thereafter, applications may be accepted until June 30, 2017.

Start date: September 1, 2017

<http://nativestudies.ualberta.ca/programs/master-of-arts-in-native-studies>

<http://nativestudies.ualberta.ca/about-us/contact-us-people/faculty>

The FNS is unique as the only stand-alone faculty of its kind in Canada. Located in historic Pembina Hall at the heart of the centrally located campus of the University of Alberta (Edmonton), the FNS benefits from the resources of Canada's second largest university library, the research-intensive environment of one of Canada's top universities, and strong linkages to other faculties with shared research interests. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to applicants proficient in both English and Inuktitut. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact:

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