Date Position is Available: As soon as possible for two years

Application Deadline: November 30, 2022, or until position is filled

Location: Carleton University, Ottawa with collaborations at University of Toronto and University of Alberta

Title: Postdoctoral Fellow / Research Associate

Areas of Expertise: Indigenous Forestry in Canada, Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science, Community-Based Research

Salary Range: ~50,000-70,000 plus benefits (depending on experience)

Description: The Social Ecology and Conservation Collaborative in the Biology Department and the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University are inviting applications for a Senior Postdoctoral Fellow or Research Associate to join our collaborative research team. This role is part of a multidisciplinary Genome Canada project that seeks to develop risk management frameworks to support communities and government agencies in responding to Mountain Pine Beetle outbreaks in Western Canada, and to identify preferences and objectives of forestry stakeholders and rightsholders. We have already laid groundwork in 3 Western Canadian communities and established some networks and connections.

Roles and responsibilities:

The Postdoc/Research Associate will join the project to assist with collaborative community-based research and partnerships with First Nations and Métis communities in areas related to the research project. The Postdoc/Research Associate will work with Indigenous partners to assess research needs and priorities and develop and implement research objectives and methods that are relevant and beneficial to community partners and the research project. This work will respect and be guided by local protocols, customs, and community preferences for relationships with researchers.

Remote work is possible. Travel to multiple regions in Western Canada is required to develop relationships and engage with relevant communities, design methods and coordinate data collection, analysis, and disseminate findings. The Postdoc/Research Associate will work collaboratively with PhD students and other researchers associated with this project.

The candidate will be supervised by Dr. Vivian Nguyen (Carleton) and Dr. Stephan Schott (Carleton).

Qualifications:

This position is an exciting opportunity for an individual with extensive experience building relationships with Indigenous partners and highly developed interpersonal skills. The successful candidate will have a PhD
OR equivalent number of years of experience and strong interest in Indigenous knowledge and land management, bridging Indigenous and Western scientific knowledge, and community-based forest research. Experience in conducting qualitative research such as surveys or focus groups, workshop coordination and administration, and semi-structured interviews is an asset. Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated significant experience and leadership in community-based research and collaborating with Indigenous partners, particularly in Western Canada.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence as demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field-relevant journals or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards OR evidence demonstrating community and/or stakeholder engagement experiences. Candidates are also expected to show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment demonstrated through the application materials.

How to Apply:

Applications including CV, a short statement of research interest and suitability for the position (max. one page) and two reference contacts should be sent to triacollaborative@carleton.ca with subject line “MPB Forestry Application”.

The Social Ecology and Conservation Collaborative and the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University are strongly committed to diversity within their community and especially welcome applications from racialized persons/persons of color, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

All candidates are encouraged to apply, however preference will be given to Indigenous knowledge holders or scholars, Canadians, and permanent residents.

For specific inquiries, please contact Dr. Nguyen at Vivian.Nguyen@carleton.ca.