

Call for Applications - Postdoctoral Fellow

The Consortium on Electoral Democracy/Consortium de la démocratie électorale (C-Dem) invites applications for a 1-year postdoctoral fellow (renewable for 1 additional year).

About C-Dem

Funded by a SSHRC Partnership Grant, C-Dem seeks to reimagine election research in Canada by developing a pioneering consortium model for researchers, electoral management boards (EMBs), policy makers, and civil society organizations (CSOs) to build upon mutual interests and pool resources and knowledge to investigate the health of democracy across the country and over time. C-Dem will create a dynamic research network across Canada to address urgent questions about political engagement, underrepresentation, levels of government, the evolution of public opinion between and across elections, and data collection practices with an evidence-based, cooperative approach to studying electoral democracy, during federal and subnational elections between elections. C-Dem will administer the 2019 and 2023 Canadian Election Studies as well as provincial election studies and yearly surveys of Canadian attitudes (Democracy Checkups). In addition to this extensive data collection, C-Dem will revolutionize how academic survey data is utilized by and contributes to discussions outside of academia. Research dissemination, knowledge mobilization and outreach are substantial components of the project.

The Position

The C-Dem postdoctoral fellow's research agenda should complement C-Dem's objectives. The successful applicant will be expected to produce scholarly publications using C-Dem data, on their own and in collaboration with C-Dem members. In addition, the postdoctoral fellow will have the opportunity to build a professional network and engage with C-Dem's many partner organizations.

The position will be hosted in the Department of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario. Candidates should have a completed PhD in political science or a related discipline and demonstrated interest and expertise in one or more of the following subjects: voting, elections, political behaviour, and public opinion. The initial appointment will be for one year but may be renewed for an additional year based on performance.

Responsibilities will include supervision of research assistants, working with project members to design and implement surveys, assisting with C-Dem events and contributing to technical reports and academic papers. The ideal candidate will be well-organized, interested in collaborative work, have strong quantitative research skills, and be able to demonstrate their potential to publish high-quality research. Fluency in both English and French would be considered an asset but is not required.

The position will commence on August 1, 2019. Compensation will be \$40,500/year.



How to apply?

We invite applicants to submit via email a letter of interest, specifically outlining how their research agenda and interests would complement C-Dem, a C.V., a research sample, and contact information for two academic referees. Applications must be received by the close of business on **May 15, 2019**. Inquiries and applications should be directed to Laura Stephenson at laura.stephenson@uwo.ca.