



## Graduate Student Research Assistantship Position Available

PhD, Rural Studies, University of Guelph

Or

PhD, Political Science, Western University

**Compensation:** \$20,000 per year for 3 years + field expenditures, subject to annual performance review; additional scholarship support may be provided by the School or Department for applicants with strong records.

**Start date:** September 2019

### Program info

For applicants to the University of Guelph: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/sedrd/rural-studies-phd>

For applicants to the University of Western Ontario: <http://politicalscience.uwo.ca/graduate/PhD.html>

**Project Title:** Collaborative Water Services Between First Nations and Municipalities in Ontario

**Supervising Faculty:** Assistant Professor Sheri Longboat (University of Guelph, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development), Associate Professor Christopher Alcantara (Western University, Political Science)

### Description

Many First Nations and municipalities across Ontario have formed collaborative relationships to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes, such as improved service provision or economic development. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), this research aims to explore factors influencing why these types of relationships emerge in some situations and not others. One relationship type of particular policy relevance will be examined: water sharing arrangements. On many First Nations' reserves across Canada, lack of safe drinking water is a chronic problem. This interdisciplinary research project will employ a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods – including statistical analysis and in-depth case studies – to identify the potential scope for water sharing in the Province, and factors influencing communities to choose to engage, or not engage, in these exchanges.

We seek an incoming (Fall 2019) or current doctoral student interested in contributing to this research project. In collaboration with Drs. Longboat and Alcantara, the student will establish relationships with participating Indigenous communities and municipal governments, conduct literature reviews, collect and analyze data, deliver public presentations and co-author publications.

The successful candidate must be enrolled or receive acceptance of enrollment in a PhD program either at the University of Guelph (Rural Studies) or at the University of Western Ontario (Political Science). While the doctoral student will be enrolled in only one of these programs, he or she will still work closely with both Drs. Longboat and Alcantara on this project, in addition to fulfilling their normal doctoral responsibilities and requirements. This role will require a commitment of 10 work hours per week, for the duration of the assistantship.

### Desired skills and qualifications

- Master's degree in relevant field including but not limited to: rural studies; political science; planning





- and development; public administration; anthropology; Indigenous studies, etc.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities in Canada;
  - Expertise in conducting social research using qualitative, participatory approaches;
  - Track record or potential of publication and/or work experience in an academic context (conferences, active in networks, etc.) and service to Indigenous communities;
  - Experience communicating results of research and scientific information to Indigenous partners in clear, accessible and respectful ways;
  - Preference will be given to candidates with a connection to and active involvement with Indigenous communities

Applicants should send by email a cover letter outlining their interests and qualifications, CV, short writing sample, and contact information for 2 references to Dr. Sheri Longboat ([slongboat@uoguelph.ca](mailto:slongboat@uoguelph.ca)) or Dr. Christopher Alcantara ([calcantara@uwo.ca](mailto:calcantara@uwo.ca)) by 31 December 2018 to ensure full consideration. Applications will be accepted after the date until the position is filled.

