



Community Conservation
Research Network



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TWO-YEAR POSTDOCTORAL POSITION

Community Conservation Research Network (CCRN)

A postdoctoral fellowship is available to work under the supervision of Dr. Tony Charles at Saint Mary's University, in Halifax, within the framework of the Community Conservation Research Network (CCRN: www.CommunityConservation.Net). The CCRN is an international initiative to understand and support the links between communities, conservation and livelihoods, and to seek out best governance practices to support the combination of community-based conservation and sustainable livelihoods. The network is a partnership of indigenous, community, university, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, with a base at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Canada.

The CCRN undertakes local-level community-based research around the world, and works globally to provide a focal point on the crucial themes of Communities, Conservation and Livelihoods. The CCRN research is producing a range of insights on such themes as regional and community environmental governance, indigenous self-governance, local networking and the success of conservation initiatives, and is producing lessons for communities, policy makers and decision makers at all levels, from local to global.

The postdoctoral fellow will engage in synthesis and comparative research, working with the CCRN's network of researchers and partners, to help in producing insights and outputs that draw on CCRN global databases and study site research. The postdoctoral fellow will also contribute to global data-gathering initiatives, operational functioning of the network (within the network's secretariat) and mentoring of the network's graduate students.

The individual selected for the postdoctoral appointment will have demonstrated interest and experience in research on and with local-level communities and/or relating to human dimensions of local involvement with natural resources and social-ecological systems. The successful applicant will also have experience in working across multiple spatial and jurisdictional scales, i.e. looking not only at local communities, but also regions, provinces, nations and globally. Experience with synthesis/integrative research is also important. While applicants should be broadly in the social sciences, there is no specific disciplinary background required, and a demonstrated non-disciplinary (transdisciplinary) approach to research is desirable. The individual will be familiar with methodologies ranging from local-level participatory approaches, to collection and analysis of secondary data (locally, regionally, nationally), to policy analysis.

The salary for the postdoctoral fellow will be \$44,000 annually, for a two-year period. The successful applicant will begin the position between July 15 and September 1, 2016,

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2016. Applicants should provide a cover letter describing their suitability for this position, a full curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for three references. Submissions, or enquiries, should be sent by e-mail to Rodrigo Menafrá, CCRN Coordinator (ccrn@smu.ca) with the subject heading "postdoctoral fellowship".