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POSITION: MES - Water governance in the Canadian Prairies

PROGRAM: Global Water Future & School of Environment and Sustainability, University of Saskatchewan

PROJECT: Prairie WATERSAVE: Sustainable Water Management for Civic and Provincial Policy Makers and Urban, Rural, and Indigenous Communities

DESCRIPTION: The Global Institute for Water Security (GIWS) through its Global Water Futures program invites applications for a Masters of Environment & Sustainability as part of the Prairie WATERSAVE research project. This project will work towards the overall goal of understanding different mechanisms for water governance on the Canadian Prairies. The research will focus largely on understanding the governance and knowledge needs of different groups of stakeholders: First Nations, agricultural producers, water stewardship groups and provincial agencies to support decision making.

RESPONSABILITIES: The candidate will be expected to assist with facilitation and building a research program (write proposals, produce publications, etc.), facilitate interviews and focus groups, and contribute social science expertise for workshops focused on stakeholder perceptions of water governance in the Prairies. The appointment will be made to someone with the potential for excellence in community engaged scholarship and social science methods.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have an undergraduate degree in social sciences, human geography, psychology, human ecology, humanities or political sciences; a track record of research productivity including (e.g. supporting research grants and publications; and experience with community engaged scholarship). Previous research is desirable, but not necessary. Preferences will be given to candidates with experience in community engagement with First Nations, Water Stewardship Groups and Agricultural Producers.

Some knowledge of Prairie hydrology would be an asset. An additional desired qualification is expertise in the design of interactive multi-stakeholder research workshops. Applicants will be expected to have good communication skills and be fluent in English. They must be able to work independently, as well as within a transdisciplinary research team. They will be expected to produce peer-reviewed journal publications and technical papers.

This term position will be for one year with extension for up to 4 years. The salary offered will be based on training, education and experience.

SASKATOON, SK, CANADA: The U of S is located in [Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada](#), a city of ~250,000 people and is located on the South Saskatchewan River. Saskatoon has a diverse and thriving economic base, a strong research cluster, a vibrant arts community, and a full range of leisure opportunities. The boreal forest and world-class recreational opportunities exist within a 1.5 hour drive north of Saskatoon. The University has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research, and scholarly activities and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to a student population of about 20,000. The University of Saskatchewan is one of Canada's leading research-intensive universities. For more information, please refer to the following websites: [University of Saskatchewan](#), [Global Institute for Water Security](#), [School of Environment and Sustainability](#).

To apply please send a one page cover letter and CV to Dr. Graham Strickert (graham.strickert@usask.ca). Please address email subject as [Prairie Water Save MES]. Review of applications will begin on July 20th, 2017 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

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