Area of Research: Political Behavior

Description of duties: The postdoctoral fellow will be mainly responsible for conducting interviews with national politicians as part of an academic research project. They will also be expected to contribute to the preparation of interview questionnaires, the analysis of interview data, and the writing of collaborative papers resulting from this project.

Salary: $67,500 per year, plus standard benefits

Required qualifications:

- A completed PhD in political science or a related field (e.g., public policy or economics)
- Experience conducting interviews, ideally with political elites
- Substantive expertise in the study of political behavior (country area open)
- An interest in -- and a willingness to learn about -- Canadian politics
- Strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm for collaborative research

Desired qualifications:

- Fluency in French

Who we are:

The Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) (https://www.pearlmunk.com/) is hiring a postdoctoral fellow in political behaviour.

Led by Professor Peter Loewen, PEARL is a team of postdoctoral fellows and PhD students located in the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/) at the University of Toronto (https://www.utoronto.ca/).

PEARL’s mission is to deliver timely, academically rigorous, and publicly relevant research that answers three big questions: How do individuals make decisions about
politics? How do politicians make policy and represent citizens? And how is technology changing governance and politics?

We offer a welcoming and supportive work environment with significant opportunities for collaboration, learning, academic publication, and publicly-engaged research.

Application instructions:

All individuals interested in the position must submit the following documents by the closing date to john.mcandrews@utoronto.ca using the subject line “PEARL Postdoc -- [Your Name]”:

- A covering letter outlining how you meet the qualifications for the position
- Your CV
- A research sample that showcases your skills (e.g., a dissertation chapter, a conference paper, or a published article)
- The names of two academic referees

Closing date: January 4, 2022

Supervisor: Professor Peter Loewen

Expected start date: February 1, 2022

Term: 12 months

Location: The successful applicant is required to live in the Toronto area and to be available for in-person work at the University’s downtown Toronto campus as needed and as circumstances permit. As part of their duties, the successful applicant will also be expected to travel within Canada -- again, as circumstances permit -- in order to conduct interviews.

FTE: This is a full-time position. The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a full-time postdoctoral fellow, recognizing that the needs of the employee’s research and training and the needs of the supervisor’s research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee’s duties and hours of work.

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The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.