

# Summer Graduate Research Assistant

## Sustainable Livestock Grazing and Climate Change

Policy – Scientometrics – Discourse – Farmer Education

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**Terms of Employment:** \$18.00 per hour; up to 35 hours per week during May through end of August 2017 (with possible continuation part-time in the 2017-2018 academic year)

**Tasks and Responsibilities:** The graduate research assistants will work on research questions arising in a SSHRC-supported project. Depending on background, skills and interests, the assistant will be involved in a range of tasks, including tackling a specific project or case study including one of: scientometrics, discourse analysis, policy analysis or farmer extension/education. That work will involve some if not all of: literature review, research design, analysis, and academic writing. As the research develops, additional duties may be assigned, such as website maintenance.

Preference will be given to incoming/continuing/graduating students who will consider pursuing further research with the project, such as (but not limited to), a thesis in the MLIS or MES programs, or a research project within the MREM or MPA program.

### Required Skills

- Attention to detail and accuracy - Ability to meet deadlines - Communication skills at a professional level - Ability to work independently
- Interest in environmental issues such as food systems and climate change
- Interest in academic publication

### Preferred Skills - Depending on the specific project:

- Some educational background or experience in environmental studies, adult education, information management, agriculture or public policy.
- Experience with qualitative data analysis and coding (e.g. NVivo or similar)
- Experience with bibliographic software and/or data analysis software
- Experience with web development using Word Press

Applications received by 1 April 2017 will be considered. Students may submit applications (CV, unofficial transcript and cover letter explaining their interest and experience relative to the above) to:

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e-mail: [kate.sherren@dal.ca](mailto:kate.sherren@dal.ca) – *I am on sabbatical and you will receive an away notice, but I am reading email.*



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