



**Seeking two exceptional candidates**  
with a strong interest in **Critical Urban Food Studies**  
**for Master and PhD level studies**  
in the **Department of Geography, University of Calgary**

**Supervision: Dr. Marit Rosol, Canada Research Chair in Global Urban Studies and Associate Professor of Geography**

**Position 1 (Phd level)** entails research assistance with a SSHRC funded research project. **Position 2 (MA or PhD level)** is an open call for research proposals related to one of my research interests (see below).

Start date will be **January 2019** (preferably) or September 2019. Please apply internally to **Dr. Rosol** on or before **3 June 2018** (successful candidates will also need to apply for program admission, see below).

For more information on my research see: <https://geog.ucalgary.ca/profiles/marit-rosol>

**Position 1: Ph.D. opportunity in SSHRC Insight Grant funded research project**  
***"Good food is just the beginning". Scaling up and scaling out urban community food initiatives in Calgary, Alberta***

**Qualifications:**

- Outstanding record of academic performance
- Background in human geography, urban studies, (urban) sociology or related field
- Strong interest and research experience in one or more of the following fields: critical urban food studies, urban food movements, urban social movements, community food security, food justice, alternative food movements, urban inequality, housing
- Enthusiasm for research, including: experience in publishing (peer-reviewed publications are an asset), keen interest in presenting at academic conferences, participating in project-related workshops and meetings
- Expertise in empirical (qualitative) social science research methods
- Excellent verbal communication and academic writing skills (English), well-developed organizational skills, critical thinking
- An ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively, and to multi-task
- Familiarity with and/or research experience in Calgary or other Canadian cities are an asset

This position will require research assistance in data collection and analysis. You will be able to develop your own research project related to the project described below.

### **Short project description:**

In discussions on root causes of food insecurity, i.e., inadequate access to food due to financial constraints, the significance of affordable housing is always stressed. This project will examine the intersections of food and housing through a study of the advocacy and policy work of The Alex Community Food Centre in Calgary, AB. The principal objective is to uncover how the struggle for access to "good – i.e. fresh, nutritious, delicious, sustainably sourced – food for all", the main goal of Community Food Centres (CFC), relates to other arenas of social wellbeing, particularly adequate housing, in times of increasing social inequality in Canadian cities. While the project will centre on the work of The Alex CFC, it will also include other organizations in Calgary that either advocate for changes in the current food system and/ or address housing and anti-poverty issues.

**Position 2 (MA or PhD level): Open call for research proposals related to one of the following fields: a) *Alternative food networks as alternative economies*, b) *Urban food movements*, c) *Relation between food and housing insecurity***

### **Qualifications:**

- Outstanding record of academic performance
- Background in human geography, urban studies, (urban) sociology or related field
- Enthusiasm for research, including: interest (MA) or experience (PhD) in publishing (peer-reviewed publications are an asset), keen interest in presenting at academic conferences
- Expertise in empirical (qualitative) social science research methods
- Excellent verbal communication and academic writing skills (English), well-developed organizational skills, critical thinking
- An ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively, and to multi-task
- Familiarity with and/or research experience in Canada are an asset

### **How to apply (both positions):**

Please direct inquiries about this position to Dr. Marit Rosol ([marit.rosol@ucalgary.ca](mailto:marit.rosol@ucalgary.ca); phone: +1 403 220 6200). Interested applicants are asked to email the following documents **in a single pdf-file** (max. 2 MB) by e-mail on or before **3 June 2018**:

- Cover letter/ statement of interest (*please also indicate for which position you apply*)
- Current full CV
- Short research proposal:
  - for position 1 in relation to research project described above: title, topic, relevance and purpose of research, brief overview of key literature relevant to study, research question, ideas for research design and methods, potential outcomes (max. 1000 words + references) + your reflections on relevance, purpose and potential outcomes of research project as described above (max. 500 words)
  - for position 2 in relation to one of the research areas described above: title, topic, relevance and purpose of research, brief overview of key literature relevant to study, research question, potential empirical case study including geographical location, ideas for research design and methods, potential outcomes (max. 1000 words + references)

- Names and contact details of two potential referees (if shortlisted, reference letters may be requested)
- Unofficial transcripts (Bachelor's; Master's, if applicable)

Additionally, please send *up to three samples of academic work in English*, such as research articles, theses, or term papers.

### **Funding (both positions):**

Student support will come from a combination of teaching assistantships (TA) and scholarships from the Department of Geography and – for position 1 only – a research assistantship (RA) from the supervisor.

Further support for field work, conferences and other project-related travel may also be awarded.

*Successful internal applicants need to apply for program admission and funding at the Department of Geography* (deadlines: early September 2018 for start in January; early January 2019 for start in September). Funding will be awarded from the department competitively on the basis of degree performance, research productivity, references supplied, and teaching ability. Already secured partial funding, for example through a scholarship, is an asset. Funding is a minimum of \$19,000/yr (2 years) for M.A. students and \$21,000/year (4 years) for Ph.D. International students, who pay higher tuition fees, receive a slightly larger stipend. After being admitted to the program, students are expected to apply for scholarships and other grants.

For academic programme requirements and departmental funding see:

[https://geog.ucalgary.ca/sites/geog.ucalgary.ca/files/thesis\\_information\\_letter.pdf](https://geog.ucalgary.ca/sites/geog.ucalgary.ca/files/thesis_information_letter.pdf)

More information on the graduate programs (thesis-based):

<https://geog.ucalgary.ca/graduate/thesis-graduate-programs>

Minimum academic requirements for Graduate Studies are a 3.00 grade point average on the 4-point-scale. Ph.D. applicants also require a Master's degree. If your degree is not from a Canadian institution, you can check the Graduate Studies website for information on International requirements for admission at [grad.ucalgary.ca/prospective/international-students](http://grad.ucalgary.ca/prospective/international-students). For those whose first language is not English, we require either TOEFL or IELTS. For minimum scores, check [www.grad.ucalgary.ca/future/admissions/admission-requirements](http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/future/admissions/admission-requirements).

### **About the University and the City of Calgary:**

The *University of Calgary* is a leading comprehensive research university, with over 30,000 students, including over 5,000 graduate students, and ranks among the Canadian top ten. The university is making tremendous progress on its Eyes High journey to be recognized as one of Canada's top five research universities, grounded in innovative learning and teaching and fully integrated with the community it both serves and leads. The University of Calgary recognizes that diversity benefits and enriches the work, learning and research experiences of the entire campus and greater community. We strive to recruit individuals who will further enhance our diversity and will support their academic and professional success while they are here. The *City of Calgary* is a young and cosmopolitan city, and the nation's most rapidly growing one. It has a light rail system with easy access to the University. Calgary boasts an extensive urban pathway and bikeway network. The city itself and the Rocky Mountains at about an hour's drive away offer countless recreation opportunities. Calgary is also the sunniest of large Canadian cities (333 days per year).