

Postdoctoral Associate position (Research)

Department of Geography, University of Calgary, Canada

Area: Critical (Urban) Food Studies



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

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

Duration: 1 year (extension possible)

Start date: 2019 (exact date negotiable)

Salary: CA\$50,000 + benefits + research allowance

Application will be reviewed as they arrive (starting on March 15th 2019) and accepted until position is filled.

About the position

I invite applications from scholars with a PhD in geography, urban studies, sociology, or a related field, with interested and background in critical (urban) food studies. The postdoctoral associate (PDA) will engage in research full time and demonstrate a high degree of self-direction. Specifically, I expect the PDA to:

(A) EITHER (option 1) conduct research in support of my current SSHRC funded research project on *the intersection of food and housing insecurity in Calgary* (further information provided upon request),

OR (option 2) conduct an *independent yet complementary research project related to your own expertise and my research fields*, i.e. in relation to one of the following three research themes: a) Alternative food networks and alternative economies, b) Urban and urban-rural food movements, c) Relation between food and housing insecurity; and

(B) contribute generally to ongoing research activities at my team (e.g. collaborate on publications, funding applications or conference presentations), regular team meetings, and to mentoring my graduate students.

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

The PDA will have the opportunity to join and extend existing research capacities of a dynamic cluster of faculty and graduate students undertaking crucial urban studies and food research, for example, as part of the UCCities – Global Urban Research Group at the UofC, the Calgary Institute for the Humanities working groups, and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health. We will provide mentoring and professional development opportunities, and there will also be the option to contribute to teaching in the Department of Geography. In order to actively engage in and contribute to those activities, I expect the PDA to reside in Calgary.

Qualifications:

- PhD in geography, urban studies, sociology, or a related field
- Outstanding record of academic performance
- Excellent verbal communication and academic writing skills (**English**), well-developed organizational skills, critical thinking
- Strong interest and research experience in one or more of the following fields: critical urban studies, critical food studies, urban food movements, urban social movements, community food security, food justice, food sovereignty, 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, maintaining a high degree of research productivity
- Expertise in empirical (qualitative) social science research methods
- An ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively, and to multi-task
- Previous research experience in Canada is an asset

How to apply:

Please direct inquiries about this position to Dr. Marit Rosol (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.

- Cover letter/ statement of interest including your preferred start date
- Current full CV
- if interested in research option (1): your reflections on relevance, purpose and potential outcomes of the research project + ideas on methods and steps to be taken + how you would be able to contribute based on your expertise, experience and interest (max. 1,000 words + references if applicable)
- if interested in research option (2): Short research proposal in relation to one of the three research themes mentioned above. Please include: 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 full contact details of two potential academic referees (if shortlisted, reference letters will be requested)
- (Unofficial) transcripts and certificates (PhD; Master's; Bachelor's)
- In additional files, please send ***up to three samples of academic work/ publications in English.***

Further information on the position

Start date: Fall 2019 or earlier. If applying from outside Canada, please allow at least 3 month for obtaining visa/ work permits and other documentation.

Duration and funding: This position is funded for one year only, however, extension through further funding acquired by the PDA will be strongly supported. Additional funding applications, including joint applications, are highly encouraged. Ideally, the candidate will already be familiar with the Canadian funding landscape.

Salary and benefits: The PDA will receive a semi-monthly salary, that is subject to deductions for statutory benefits such as Canadian Pension Plan (CPP), Employment Insurance (EI) and income tax. All postdoctoral scholars whose initial appointment is for 12 months or longer will be eligible to receive the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP). The AHCIP provides Alberta residents with coverage for hospital and physician services. Additionally, PDAs whose initial appointments are six months or longer will be automatically enrolled in Alberta Blue Cross Plan C extended health and dental benefits. On top of the salary, I offer a limited research allowance to support research related activities.

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. The university is currently ranked 7 out of the 32 Canadian Universities, and is making tremendous progress on its Eyes High journey to be recognized as one of Canada's top five research universities. 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. In particular, we encourage members of four designated groups (women, indigenous people, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities) to apply.

The *City of Calgary* is a young and cosmopolitan city. It has a light rail system with easy access to the University and also 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).