

PhD Research Fellowship in Public Policy

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McMaster University's Department of Political Science has an international reputation for its graduate studies with particular expertise in comparative public policy and international relations.

The Department of Political Science at McMaster University is pleased to announce a special PhD research assistantship linked to research projects conducted by Dr. Charlotte Yates, professor of Political Science and Labour Studies. The total value of financial support being offered to students is a minimum of \$35,000 per year for four years. The research fellowship is worth \$20,000 per year for a period of three years. Each fellowship is joined with a minimum offer of \$9,000 in scholarship and a half T.A., for a minimum total amount of \$35,000 per year for a period of four years, with the possibility of a fifth year of financing. Some money for travel to conferences is also available. International and domestic students are eligible for this fellowship.

We are looking for graduate students interested in exploring the role of public policy in the economy with particular interest in how and what role governments play in advancing key strategic sectors. A wide range of research areas are possible under this fellowship, including but not limited to innovation and R&D, trade, and/or labour market policy, or the broader subject of the role of the government in contemporary economies. Although the focus on the research grant is Canada, we encourage applicants interested in comparing Canada to other countries. The successful PhD candidate will become part of a large research network involving multiple institutions and industrial partners who are studying the role of public policy in facilitating a strong and competitive manufacturing, in particular automotive, sector in Canada.

Candidates should have excellent research and writing skills, and a background and demonstrable interest in public policy as it relates to economic policy, industrial policy, skills and training, business development, employment, or trade and foreign investment.

Interested students must apply for and be accepted for admission into the PhD program in Comparative Public Policy at McMaster University. Please see <http://www.politicalscience.mcmaster.ca/graduate-program/admissions> for information on how to apply for this program. Please indicate in your letter of application that you are interested in this fellowship.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Yates at yatesch@mcmaster.ca. This offer will remain available until filled by a successful candidate.