



Are you working in a position related to rural governance policy? Are you passionate about rural governance issues? Then we want you!

## **Governance Policy Fellow Job Description**

### **Description**

The Governance Network is looking for a new Policy Fellow starting April 9, 2018-April 1, 2019. The Rural Governance Policy Fellow initiative is designed to recognize policy actors that are making substantial contributions to rural policy, in whatever jurisdiction they may be working. This initiative facilitates the engagement of public policy actors within the RPLC network and among RPLC activities. The anticipated time commitment of the policy fellow would be 3-4 hours per month. The policy fellow will be allocated \$3,000 to support efforts made in this role (e.g., travel costs). This is not intended as pay; it is offered to offset costs.

### **Expectations**

It is expected the policy fellow would work towards advancing the mandate and vision of RPLC. Within the Governance Network, the policy fellow would be appointed to contribute within their expertise. While policy engagement may vary by specialty, potential activities of a policy fellow could include:

- Connecting with and/or mentoring graduate students interested in governance related topics;
- Justifying new governance research topics;
- Assisting in advancing governance policy;
- Advising on policy briefs;
- Helping to ground policy discussions in the perspectives of rural practitioners;
- Attending and presenting at select conferences;
- Contributing to articles, blog posts, and knowledge mobilization events.

### **Selection Criteria and Process**

The Rural Governance Policy Fellow must meet the following criteria:

- Be a practitioner or researcher working within one of the Governance Network's research themes: policy development; environmental issues; and food, health, and prosperity.
- Have an interest in advancing the discourse on governance with a focus on at least one of the themes.
- Candidates must have a strong understanding of the rural context.

The Governance Network can appoint one fellow per fiscal year. Applicants who wish to be considered must provide a two-page description of themselves and their ideas around potential activities they would like to engage with and how they feel they can contribute to the Governance Network. The selection committee will be made up of the Team Lead, Team Support and one other Governance Network member.

### **Deadlines**

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Application Deliberations: April 3-6, 2018

Fellowship Announcement: April 9, 2018

**Please send your application to Sarah Minnes at [sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca) and include "Governance Policy Fellow" in the subject line.**