



## Natural Resource Development Network

# News Flash

[08/16/ 2019]

### Fall Funding Call for Applications

To date the Natural Resource Development Network has provided over \$52,000 in funding opportunities to support successful applicants in the development of 8 policy briefs, 11 literature reviews, and assisted 36 network members with travel costs to attend/present at prioritized conferences.

An additional \$7,800 is now available within the following categories:

- Literature Reviews - \$1,800
- Policy Briefs - \$6,000

The next group of applications for policy briefs and literature review funding are due **September 30th, 2019**. Details regarding the application process are provided in the [NRDN work plan](#). Questions and comments can be directed to NRDN team support [Hannah Dueck](#).

### **NRDN Co-Lead Receives Funding to Study the Impacts of Automation in the Mining Sector**

[Dr. Heather Hall](#), University of Waterloo, has been awarded an Insight Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to examine how advances in technology, like autonomous vehicles and remote operations, will reshape the future of work and economic development in mining communities across Canada. This research includes case study regions in the

Kootenays, the Yukon, Northern Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador in partnership with Dr. Terri Macdonald (Selkirk College), Dr. Kelly Vodden (Grenfell Campus Memorial University), and Dr. Ken Coates (University of Saskatchewan).

This research will: (1) determine what technologies are being used in the Canadian mining sector; (2) identify what is driving the adoption of these emerging technologies and how they are re-shaping the sector; and (3) explore the social and spatial impacts on mining communities and the responses from companies and governments, including Indigenous leaders, and organizations involved in economic development and skills training. Findings will highlight new challenges and opportunities for research and development, education and skills training, and business procurement.

Graduate student opportunities and a postdoctoral fellowship are available.

For more information please contact Heather Hall – [h.hall@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:h.hall@uwaterloo.ca)

Innovate BC Ignite Award Winner:

Selkirk College & Advanced BioCarbon 3D



Innovate BC's Ignite program provides funding to accelerate the commercialization of new technologies and innovations in

the natural resources and applied sciences sectors in British Columbia. The program provides awards of up to \$300,000 to consortia that are conducting research projects that address a significant demonstrated problem faced by industry and will commercialize a proposed innovation within a 3-year timeframe. To learn more about the Innovate BC Ignite program, visit <https://innovatebc.ca/what-we-offer/get-funding/ignite/>



*NRDN News Flash is a quarterly E-blast highlighting stories related to natural resource development. You are receiving this email because you have signed up as a NRDN team member.*

Rural Policy Learning Commons

[Unsubscribe](#)