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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FELLOWSHIP IN ECOSYSTEM APPROACHES TO HEALTH

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*EkoSanté* - The Latin American, Caribbean and Canadian Collaboration in ecohealth is launching its last call for **three dedicated fellowships; one is based in Canada and two in Latin America and the Caribbean.**

### EKOSANTÉ - A LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN AND CANADIAN COLLABORATION

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*EkoSanté* is a collaboration arising from Communities of Practice in Ecosystem Approaches to Health (CoPEH) in Latin America and the Caribbean ([CoPEH-LAC](#)) and in Canada ([CoPEH-Canada](#)). *EkoSanté* was formalised in 2013 after receiving financial support from the International Development Research Center of Canada (IDRC). Caribe) y en Canadá.

Informed by experience with ecosystem approaches to health, the collaboration aims to improve strategies, methods and means for influencing and guiding intersectoral policies and practices that enhance ecosystem sustainability, social and gender equity and public health.

A research and capacity building program have been developed and implemented over a four-year period. The program is comprised of training awards, intensive summer schools, professional development workshops, research fellowships and multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions.

More information about the collaboration [is available on our website](#).

### DESCRIPTION OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

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#### **Dedicated Fellowships (2) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**

Since 2014, *EkoSanté* has offered more than [50 fellowships](#) in different countries of Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. Further, the *EkoSanté* Collaboration has organized activities to promote the ecosystem approaches to health.

*EkoSanté* is interested to know more about how this type of academic support has influenced the recipients of these fellowships. We are also interested in knowing how our different activities have influenced public policy and practice.

To gain this knowledge we are offering fellowships on these two themes in LAC<sup>1</sup>:

**1) The impact of the learning activities among the Ekosanté fellows**

The following are some of the questions that we would like to address, beyond what has been provided in the reports of the fellows: What have they learned? Do they perceive a “before EkoSanté” and an “after EkoSanté?” How has their way of thinking and their way of analysing their research changed? Have the dialogue workshops had a role to play in this change? In terms of their methodology some of the questions that interest us are: have the fellowships been a good tool to use to address themes related to policy influence? and have they influenced the institutions of the fellows?

**2) The impact of EkoSanté’s fellowship programme and activities on public policy and practice**

Questions of interest include: What links have been made? Are more appropriate public sectors now involved in research? Has there been adequate harmonization between EkoSanté’s objectives and priorities and those of policy makers? How are we linked to policy makers and at what level have these collaborations and links been formalised? How have policy makers reacted to EkoSanté’s approach? How has community participation affected the participation of policy makers?

**Dedicated fellowship (1) in Canada**

**1) The mapping and reinforcing of connections or clusters among ecohealth researchers and practitioners in LAC and Canada**

Members of the two communities of practice that form the basis of the EkoSanté Collaboration share various connections through joint activities such as research, training, organizing events and so on. These connections appear to have crisscrossed Canada, the Caribbean, Latin America and beyond.

We hypothesize that one of the contributions of a collaboration such as EkoSanté is to lessen the distance between scholars, students and practitioners interested in similar topics to connect and exchange ideas, learning and good practices, thus reinforcing the quality of their research and interventions.

But this “lessening” of distance is dependent on the structure of the network and on the knowledge which individuals share about the network (who knows what about whom). Some of this may occur in working clusters rather than the entire network. EkoSanté needs to systematize its knowledge of connections and clusters, in order to plan effectively for sustainability.

Therefore, we are offering a fellowship for the mapping and reinforcing of connections or clusters among ecohealth researchers and practitioners in LAC and Canada with an eye to trajectories and sustainability

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<sup>1</sup> Priority will be given to applications from the Central American and Caribbean, Andean and Mexican nodes, since the quota for the Southern cone and Brazilian nodes has already been filled, but applications from the later two nodes will be accepted. For more information on the “nodes”, please [visit the CoPEH-LAC website](#).  
Call for applications - Dedicated fellowships in ecosystem approaches to health

The Canadian fellowship is for 10 000 \$ CADs and will last one year.

The LAC fellowships (2) is for 9 000 \$ CADs for 18 months.

Fellows will be expected to work closely with [members of EkoSanté](#), to participate in *EkoSanté* exchanges and activities (e.g. Webinars, virtual meetings), to make a presentation and to submit a report to the *EkoSanté* team at the end of their fellowship.

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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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- Applicants must demonstrate a familiarity with ecosystem approaches to health.
- For Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean: masters, PhD and postdoctoral trainees are eligible.
- For Latin America and the Caribbean: young scholars and researchers affiliated with a university (less than five years after the completion of master or doctoral degree) are also eligible.
- Applicants must be permanent residents or citizens of Canada or countries in LAC, or have a visa for studying in one of these countries. All applicants will also need to be living in Canada or in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- A member of [CoPEH-Canada](#) or [CoPEH-LAC](#) must be either the candidate's supervisor or agree to mentor him or her.
- Applicants need to speak at least two of the languages used in *EkoSanté* (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish).

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## EVALUATION CRITERIA

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- Coherence of the project with the topic of the fellowship.
- Consistency between the applicant's research interests and/or thesis/research programme and the fellowship.
- Scholarly capacities, including productivity across the range of practice, policy and peer review outputs.
- Feasibility, readability, and originality of the project.
- Quality of the letters of support.

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## TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

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The following is asked of applicants to this call.

- The completed application form (which includes a 3-page description of the proposed project).
- The applicant curriculum vitae.
- A letter of support from the supervisor: thesis supervisor or postdoctoral supervisor (LAC and Canada) or work supervisor (LAC only).
- If the supervisor is not a member of *EkoSanté*, a letter of support from a [member of EkoSanté](#).

The deadline to submit an application is September 5<sup>th</sup> 2016.

A first selection will be made based on the submitted applications. Selected candidates will then be invited for an on-line interview.

The start-date is October 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The application and all queries should be submitted at [ekosante.collaboration@gmail.com](mailto:ekosante.collaboration@gmail.com). Please note that our offices will be closed from July 18<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup> 2016.