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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FELLOWSHIPS IN ECOSYSTEM APPROACHES TO HEALTH

EkoSanté - The Latin American, Caribbean and Canadian Collaboration in ecohealth is launching its first wave of open fellowships. Four fellowships are offered at this time; one is based in Canada and three in Latin America and the Caribbean.

EKOSANTÉ - A LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN AND CANADIAN COLLABORATION

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 is being 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 at <http://ekosante.uqam.ca/en/>.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

One of the objectives of *EkoSanté* is to build on existing initiatives in each region to create and share knowledge on how to best research, communicate and act on the complexity inherent in problems overlapping health, ecosystems and society.

These fellowships are destined to candidates developing a research or intervention-research project that addresses an issue related to the impact or influence of ecohealth approaches on practices and public policies in the Americas.

For students, the project has to be related to their on-going graduate research and scholarly training. For post-doctoral fellows and LAC young researchers, it is necessary to demonstrate the relationship of the proposed project with prior scholarly experience.

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.

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

The LAC *EkoSanté* fellowships (3) is for 9 000 \$ CADs for two years.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 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).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Coherence of the project with the topic of the fellowship (i.e. addressing an issue related to the impact or influence of ecohealth on practices and public policies in the Americas). A project addressing comparison between different countries in Americas is considered an advantage.
- 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.

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

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 work supervisor)
- A letter of support from a [member of EkoSanté](#) (different from the supervisor)

The deadline to submit an application is **March 31st 2015**.

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 **July 1st 2015**.

The application and all queries should be submitted at ekosante.collaboration@gmail.com.