

Doctoral studentship, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta

The Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is offering a funded doctoral student position as part of a project investigating the politics of electrical grid transformation in Alberta. The project focuses on attitudes toward grid transition and the adoption of renewable energy. The project is part of a larger research grant funded by Canada's National Engineering and Science Research Council, in collaboration with colleagues in the Faculty of Engineering. The grant seeks to identify pathways to effective and efficient integration of low carbon power generation, transmission and distribution.

The position provides a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration with colleagues in the Faculty of Engineering and with industry partners in Alberta, the Alberta Power Industry Consortium (APIC), which includes the Alberta Electric System Operator, AltaLink, ATCO Electric, Enmax, EPCOR and Fortis.

The student will work under the supervision of Professor Lori Thorlakson. The student will be expected to conduct research related to the research project and will work as a research assistant for the project for 12 hours per week.

The successful candidate will preferably have training in quantitative methods and/or be willing to undertake quantitative methods training.

This position is worth over \$25,000 CAD per year in annual salary and benefits, for up to four years (subject to annual review). Recipients would continue to be eligible for other available awards and scholarships. The position also includes support for conference travel and open access journal submission fees. Start date is September, 2021.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Thorlakson directly at thorlaks@ualberta.ca. For information on the PhD programme and application process, please see the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta website at: <https://www.ualberta.ca/political-science/graduate-programs>. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2021.