

Funded PhD Opportunity @ Dalhousie University, Halifax

Municipal Food Law, Policy and Governance

Applications are now open for a funded PhD position to study municipal food systems law and governance in the Atlantic region. The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary research group supervised by **Dr. Jamie Baxter** at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University in Halifax. Total funding available is \$75,000 (\$25,000/year, up to three years). The position begins September 2022.

Project description

This is an exciting time for municipal and multi-level food governance in Canada—one in which laws, policies and decision-making frameworks are changing rapidly. Working in partnership with community and government actors in the Atlantic region, this project aims to develop legal and policy tools to support those working in complex, collaborative food governance environments at the local level. The project will employ a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods to make sense of and help shape city-regional food governance. It offers a unique opportunity for a PhD student interested in food systems to develop and apply a range of interdisciplinary skills and analyses. The successful applicant will join a supportive and inclusive academic community that puts an emphasis on mentorship, creativity and building long-term skills for rigorous research. This project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Required experience and program options

Depending on their selected program, candidates must have a relevant **Masters-level degree in law or a related field**. Past academic or applied experience in food systems or municipal law and governance is a strong asset.

Candidates must apply and be selected independently for admission through the Dalhousie Faculty of Graduate Studies to either the **PhD program in law** at the Schulich School of Law (deadlines beginning **January 1, 2022**) or to the **Interdisciplinary PhD program** (deadline **February 1, 2022**).

Application process

Please send the following application materials directly to Dr. Jamie Baxter at jamie.baxter@dal.ca with the subject line "**MUNICIPAL FOOD PHD APPLICATION**": (1) a letter of intent describing your interest in the project and your relevant qualifications and experience; (2) CV; (3) university transcripts; and (4) contact details for two references. Applications for the position will be accepted immediately and remain open until the position is filled.

Applicants are also encouraged to apply for additional funding through Dalhousie's **Harmonized Scholarship Process** and for internal funding at the law school if applying through that stream.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.