

## Master's/PhD Student – Social Science/Psychology

Funding: \$45,000 for 18 months

Start Date – End Date: September 2023 - January 2025

We are looking for a Master's or PhD student to work in collaboration with [Net Zero Atlantic](#) on an 18-month project that will explore barriers and opportunities to achieving pro-climate behaviours in Atlantic Canada.

Reaching net zero emissions will not be possible without meaningful change to human behaviour and its antecedents (attitudes, values, beliefs, etc.). Research is required to understand how and at what cost low- or zero-emissions behaviours can be achieved and how they can be integrated into local and provincial strategies for achieving climate change goals.

This project will seek to 1) characterize barriers to and opportunities for realizing low or zero emissions behaviours in the transportation, buildings, and agriculture sectors in New Brunswick (using a mixed-methods approach (i.e., interview, literature review, surveys) and 2) design and solicit public feedback on behavioural interventions that can address any of the barriers identified.

The successful candidate will work with a team of researchers across Atlantic Canada. Outcomes of the research will be communicated to local and provincial decision-makers to help accelerate the transition to net zero emissions.

Your qualifications include:

- An undergraduate degree in social science (e.g., sociology, political science, psychology, economics) or other relevant discipline,
- Excellent communication skills and a desire to collaborate,
- Excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills,
- Interest in delivering research outcomes that could help Atlantic Canada achieve net zero emissions, and
- Experience carrying out interviews, surveys, or focus groups (an asset, but not required).

The project team is committed to supporting an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We specifically invite applications from students who identify as belonging to an equity-deserving community.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please respond with a resume, cover letter, and unofficial transcript in one PDF document.

Please apply to:

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