



“A SHARED Future” for Planetary Health
1-2 Year Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity
with Dr Heather Castleden at the University of Victoria



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Review of applications will begin on Dec 19, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled.

This postdoctoral fellowship opportunity is funded through a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Environment and Health Signature Initiative (2016-2023): [A SHARED Future](#) (Achieving Strength, Health, and Autonomy through Renewable Energy Development for the Future) and the Impact Chair in Transformative Governance for Planetary Health.

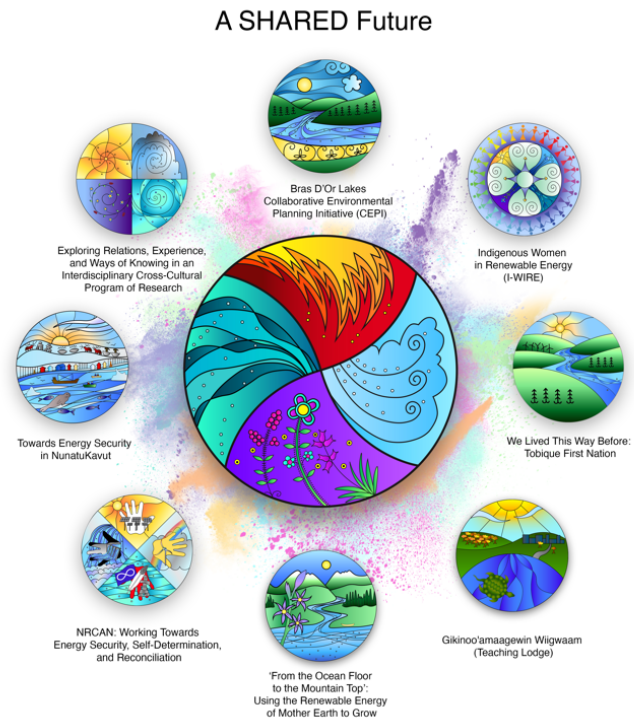
The successful candidate will work with co-supervision from Dr Heather Castleden who holds the President’s Impact Chair in Transformative Governance for Planetary Health, at the University of Victoria (Victoria, British Columbia, Canada) and Dr Diana Lewis, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Health Impact Assessment, at the University of Guelph (Guelph, Ontario, Canada). Dr Castleden and Dr Lewis are the Co-Directors of A SHARED Future.

The position will be held in the Health, Communities, and Environment Research Lab ([HEC Lab](#)), in the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən speaking peoples: the Esquimalt, the Songhees and the W̱SÁNEĆ First Nations at the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada). The HEC Lab focuses on producing justice-oriented research that contributes to pathways of social, environmental, and health equity. The HEC Lab is a dynamic space where highly qualified personnel are trained and mentored to produce cutting edge research.

A SHARED Future is fundamentally about reconciliation and respect between Indigenous and western knowledge systems. The research program supports several thematically linked projects across Canada studying various types of intersectoral partnerships, with an overall focus on Indigenous peoples’ leadership in renewable energy conservation, efficiency, and development. As A SHARED Future is entering its fifth year, we will be focusing our energies on robust in-depth analyses of project data and broad analyses of programmatic data, sharing what we have learned aiming to make key contributions to the planetary health conversation; thus, we are broadly conceiving of this postdoctoral opportunity as an exciting end-of grant knowledge mobilization fellowship with plenty of publishing opportunities.

This opportunity is intended to support an exceptional postdoctoral researcher who will, in addition to the above, bring original ideas for their own research related to the general themes associated with A SHARED Future’s objectives and planetary health more broadly. The successful candidate may also wish to align with the research priorities of Dr Castleden’s Impact Chair and/or Dr Lewis’ Canada Research Chair. The goal of Dr Castleden’s Chair in Transformative Governance for Planetary Health is to contribute to shifting our societies to better reconcile human health with the natural systems on which we depend by bridging academia, communities, and governments. The goal of Dr Lewis’ CRC is to support the assertion of Indigenous sovereignty over the health of Indigenous community members, their lands and their environments through Indigenous-led environmental health assessment and governance.

Dr Castleden teaches “Governance for Planetary Health” at both the undergraduate and graduate level; there may be an opportunity to teach or co-teach with her in the School of Public Administration, at the University of Victoria, where the



position will be located. If you are interested in teaching, please make mention of that in the cover letter, indicating teaching/assistance experience, and identify areas of teaching potential.

Qualifications:

- Preference will be given to applicants who self-identify as Indigenous Scholars and/or equity-deserving groups who have lived experience doing research in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples on environment and health issues
- PhD in hand (or a defense date scheduled by April 2023) in Geography, Environmental Studies, Sustainable Energy, Political Science, Indigenous Studies, Gender Studies, or a cognate discipline
- Experience working on interdisciplinary teams and/or on community-based research projects
- A promising trajectory in research and publication; a publication record in areas related to the above specified research interests and field areas would be ideal
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills in English
- Excellent research abilities, organizational skills, ability to work independently
- Depth of knowledge is essential in the following areas: critical social theory, anti-colonial theory, decolonial theory, Indigenous theories, Indigenous methodologies
- Depth of knowledge is preferred in any of the following areas: planetary health, energy policy, renewable energy, sustainable energy, a just transition, climate justice, and creative/artistic praxis

Candidates should include in their application:

- A cover letter (1-2 pages)
- A current Curriculum Vitae
- Names and contact information for three academic references
- Applicants who self-identify as Indigenous are strongly encouraged to substitute at least one of their three academic references for an Indigenous government/organizational reference (ideally on letterhead)
- A sample peer-reviewed publication, ideally relevant to the position
- A one-page research interest statement that aligns with the proposed fellowship

Remuneration/Salary: Determined based on experience and factored for cost of living in Victoria, BC
Additional teaching stipend if applicable.

Duration: Preferred start date is January 3, 2023; the position will remain open until filled; 1-2 year Postdoctoral Fellowship. Relocation expenses may be provided.

Location: University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia (Canada).

Please submit your application package to Dr Castleden's Research Manager, Dr Megan Harvey at: meganodh@uvic.ca

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