



UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH  
College of Social and Applied Human Sciences  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

*Fellowship Offered*

We offer one fellowship of up to \$8,000 per year for two years to join a project on infrastructures of mobility in the Indian Himalayas. The project is led by Professor Karine Gagné and supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). The successful applicant will develop a project that examines how an infrastructure (for example, “secondary” roads or wireless communication technologies) shape mobility and connectivity for a community affected by economic, political, and ethnic marginalization in the Indian Himalayas. The student will pursue a Master’s Degree in Public Issues Anthropology at the University of Guelph under the supervision of Prof. Gagné (University of Guelph).

This fellowship is part of the broader project “Coping with Infrastructural Curves: Marginalized Citizens Challenging State Plans in India and Vietnam,” which is led by Philippe Messier (University of Prince Edward Island). It considers whether the construction, maintenance, and access to infrastructures of mobility shape similarly or differently the livelihoods of marginalized rural or urban communities in India and Vietnam. The case study from the Indian Himalayas developed by the successful applicant will contribute to comparatively analyze the ways marginalized individuals adapt to and possibly reroute these state-making projects to serve their own visions of infrastructure.

More information can be found here: <https://infrastructureofmobility.com/>

The fellowship is offered **in addition** to stipend funds offered by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. It will consist partly in funds for fieldwork and partly in Research Assistantship. Additional funds may be available for relevant conference travel.

Expected start date is Fall 2023. Interested students should review admission guidelines for the Master’s program in Public Issues Anthropology (<https://socioanthro.uoguelph.ca/future-students/public-issues-anthropology-ma>)

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