

There are several potential graduate student openings starting the fall of 2015 at the masters or PhD level in my group in the Department of Geography at McGill University (Canada). Positions carry 1 to 3 years of funding, depending on level and funding availability. Qualified students will support one of two interdisciplinary research projects in the area of ecosystem services, environmental economics, development, and environmental geography. Students with a background in environmental or land use economics are desired. Descriptions of the two projects follow:

- **Ecosystem service benefits to local populations.** This project aims to further our understanding of the links between human welfare and ecosystem services through land use and population data in rural China. We aim to test new methods for capturing environmental dependencies through household surveys, land use data and models of ecosystem service flows.
- **Linking grazing institutions, household livelihoods and locust outbreaks to regional economies.** This project researches the feedbacks among locusts, livestock, nutrients, and people in China and Australia. These regions are socio-politically disparate and allow the opportunity to investigate how property rights regimes may affect the adaptive capacity of societies to respond to shocks like locust outbreaks in social-ecological systems.

In either project, students will be expected to contribute to methodological and empirical advances in analysis. International data collection in challenging field settings is likely. Experience in the following may be an asset: household data collection, econometrics, spatial analysis, working in low-income settings, knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, and knowledge of China. At the PhD level preference will be given to candidates that already hold a master's degree.

Interested candidates should email their CV, transcripts, and a short description of their interests to [brian.e.robinson@mcgill.ca](mailto:brian.e.robinson@mcgill.ca). Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Exceptional international applicants (from outside Canada) may be considered for a competitive tuition reduction fellowship. Information about the department and the admissions process can be found here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/geography>. **The department's application deadline is January 31, 2015.**

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