

Postdoctoral Fellowship – Urban sustainability transitions and transformative entrepreneurship

I seek a highly motivated postdoctoral fellow to help lead research on the governance of transitions toward sustainability in urban spaces, and the roles of small businesses/entrepreneurs in these transitions. In partnership with the Dutch Research Institute for Transitions (Erasmus University, Rotterdam) and the University of East Anglia, the successful candidate will help to lead a team that will:

1. Develop and administer a large n survey of small businesses to ascertain motivations to respond to sustainability challenges, capacity gaps, and governance strategies.
2. Carry out qualitative fieldwork in a number of case study communities, including document analysis and key informant interviews.
3. Convene a wider conversation with scholarly and practitioner communities about strategies for assessing and accelerating sustainability transitions.

The successful candidate will be responsible for leading these activities, including managing a small team of Master's and PhD students and collaborating with a broader advisory group. The candidate will have significant opportunities to develop networks and publish in the fields of sustainability transitions and environmental governance.

The anticipated start date for this position will be **January 1st, 2017**.

Anticipated salary is \$40,500/annum (plus benefits and reasonable research/dissemination expenses). The position is for a 12-month term, with the possibility of renewal. Travel opportunities exist in order to carry out fieldwork and collaborate with colleagues in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and across Canada.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. degree, field open, although candidate must have strong skills in empirical social scientific research related to the environment, in particular interview-based research and qualitative data analysis.
- Extensive knowledge in some combination of: governance, sustainability, transformations/transitions, entrepreneurship, climate change mitigation and adaptation, comparative politics, and participatory processes.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills; fluency in English required.
- Excellent organizational skills, including the demonstrated capacity to manage a team.
- Experience with interdisciplinary environmental research (e.g., incorporating philosophy, sociology, political science) or transdisciplinary research (e.g., working with diverse stakeholders to develop research outcomes of local

- relevance) would be valuable.
- Ability to self-motivate and to work semi-independently on a research project through to publication (evidenced in letters of reference and by publication record).
 - Ability to commit to the project for a period of at least 12 months.

To apply:

Please send the following materials to Dr. Sarah Burch (sburch@uwaterloo.ca) by **Friday, October 28th, 2016.**

- A letter of interest outlining your experience and fit for the position
- Curriculum vitae
- Contact information for two academic referees
- Two recent publications that you feel are relevant to this position (ie methodologically, theoretically, etc)

For more information on the Faculty of Environment and the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo, see www.environment.uwaterloo.ca.

More information about Dr. Sarah Burch can be found here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/geography-environmental-management/people-profiles/sarah-burch> or here: <https://www.cigionline.org/person/sarah-burch>

