

PhD Fellowships

Canada Excellence Research Chair Network for Sustainability Transitions (CERC NEST)

Fellowship Period: One semester – starting with Sept-December 2024 - \$6000 per term project

The Canada Excellence Research Chair Network for Equity in Sustainability Transitions (CERC NEST) aims to foster equity and justice in urban energy and sustainability transitions through innovative transdisciplinary methods that connect knowledge with action. This includes addressing community and city actors' questions using creative approaches that target societal needs and methodological debates.

The CERC NEST will focus on priority areas (such as health, jobs, affordability, and access) in Toronto, Los Angeles, and Mexico City. To foster equity in energy and sustainability transitions, we will work with non-academic partners to co-create, test, learn from, revise, and apply frameworks, tools, indicators, and actions through coproduction cycles.

The CERC NEST will offer six fellowships valued at \$6000 EACH, with options to apply for future fellowship terms. This fellowship will tackle one of five critical areas of creating our program's adaptive and inclusive governance.

In consultation with the CERC NEST director, the successful fellow will develop a literature review addressing two questions. How can we create an ongoing, self-reflective, agile, inclusive, and learning-centred governance structure? What lessons learned from elsewhere can be applied to our governance approach? The literature review will inform CERC NEST governance of our knowledge coproduction activities. It will help us learn how to continually and reflexively iterate on the sources of research's unique value, the projected costs over time, and the revenue options to support them.

The CERC NEST PhD is open to all University of Toronto graduate students who have completed their first year in a PhD program and are in good standing. Proficiency in English speaking and writing skills are prerequisites; proficiency in Spanish or another language widely spoken in the cities is desirable but optional.

The University of Toronto embraces Diversity and is building a culture of belonging that increases our capacity to address and serve the interests of our global community effectively. We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous Peoples, Black and racialized persons, women, persons with disabilities, and people of diverse sexual and gender identities. We value applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and recognize that diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise are essential to strengthening our academic mission. You will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey as part of your application. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>.

To Apply:

Send the following as a single PDF file, with 'CERC NEST PhD Fellowship Application' in the subject line, to paty.romerolankao@utoronto.ca by August 2, 2024:

- Motivation letter (max. 2 pages) outlining how you meet the requirements and your interest in equity, justice, sustainability transitions, quantitative/mixed methods, and climate change
- A Curriculum Vitae with contact details for two references
- BA/BSc and MA/MSc transcripts
- Sample of written work (e.g., a published paper or a chapter of your MA thesis; preferably sole- or lead-authored).
- One reference, ideally a faculty member who is familiar with your work.

If you have questions about the position, please contact Prof. Paty Romero-Lankao before submitting your application.