



APPLICATION FORM

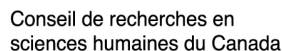
DOCTORAL, POST-DOCTORAL AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ON URBANIZATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH



The Hungry Cities Partnership (HCP) is pleased to announce a call for applications for its HCP-QES leadership and training program funded by the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advanced Scholars Program (QES-AS), Laurier University and the Balsillie School of International Affairs.

- The Queen Elizabeth Scholars program (<https://www.univcan.ca/programs-and-scholarships/queen-elizabeth-scholars/qes-advanced-scholars/>) supports short-term research projects of 3 to 12 months duration.
- Research projects must focus on topics that are compatible with and will advance the objectives of the Hungry Cities Partnership and its associated projects and contribute to institutional capacity-building of organizations in partner countries.
- Funding is available for three categories of researcher: (a) doctoral students; (b) post-doctoral fellows and (c) early career scholars (defined as individuals in a tenure-track position or other researchers with 4-7 years of research experience).
- Canadians must conduct their research in one of HCP's partner countries/cities. These include Cameroon (Dschang), China (Nanjing), India (Bangalore), South Africa (Cape Town), Jamaica (Kingston), Mexico (Mexico City), Mozambique (Maputo), Kenya (Nairobi), Malawi (Mzuzu) or Namibia (Windhoek).
- Citizens of other countries must hold their scholarships either at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (www.balsillieschool.ca) in Canada or at an HCP country/city partner outside their country or origin.
- Funding is only available for researchers while they are outside their country of citizenship.
- All researchers must also spend at least one third of their time based at an NGO, think-tank, civil society organization, or private company applying their research skills; and participate in various community engagement activities.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.





DESCRIPTION OF HCP:

The Hungry Cities Partnership or HCP (www.hungrycities.net) is a global network of research institutions and individuals linking researchers at five Canadian universities with their counterparts in nine countries in the Global South (including China, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, and Zimbabwe) and funded by the Canadian SSHRC and IDRC through the International Partnerships in Sustainable Societies (IPaSS) program. Affiliates of the HCP include the African Food Security Urban Network or AFSUN (www.afsun.org) and the ESRC-DFID and SSHRC-funded Consuming Urban Poverty (CUP and CUP2) projects on food security and secondary urbanization in Africa.

The HCP was created in 2015 to address the links between three of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

- No. 1: No Poverty,
- No. 2: Zero Hunger and,
- No. 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

The main objectives of the HCP are to:

- Examine the levels and determinants of all four dimensions of food security — availability, access, utilization and stability — in a range of cities across the Global South and the relationships between food insecurity, poverty and urban food systems;
- Generate a significant body of comparative, inter-disciplinary knowledge on the organization, structure and potential for inclusive growth in the informal food economy and implications for food security in cities of the Global South;
- Analyse the implications of supermarket competition for entrepreneurship, innovation, job creation and inclusive growth in the urban informal food economy;
- Critically assess opportunities for women and youth to be incorporated into urban food systems as entrepreneurs and employees with decent jobs;
- Assess national, regional and municipal policies that enable or constrain enterprise development, entrepreneurship and innovation in the informal food economy;
- Build the institutional capacity of research organisations and networks in the South to conduct collaborative, policy-oriented research on urban food systems; and
- Mentor and train graduate students and post-doctoral researchers to conduct rigorous, high-impact research on urban food security and inclusive growth.

The HCP aims to build a policy-oriented knowledge platform to positively impact on the regulatory environment governing urban food systems in partner cities as well as influence the emerging global development agendas on urbanization, food security and poverty alleviation.

HCP-QES Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to proposals consistent with these objectives.

Web Address: www.hungrycities.net



FUNDING:

Funding is based on a scholar's career stage and is the same irrespective of the country in which they spend their scholarship.

- PhD researchers are eligible to receive a non-taxable stipend and international travel allowance for their projects up to CAD 20,000 per twelve months. Funding for projects of shorter duration will be pro rated accordingly.
- Post-doctoral researchers are eligible to receive a non-taxable stipend and international travel allowance of up to CAD 25,000 per twelve months. Funding for projects of shorter duration will be pro rated accordingly.
- Early career scholars are eligible to receive a non-taxable stipend and international travel allowance of up to CAD 30,000 per twelve months. Funding for projects of shorter duration will be pro rated accordingly.

APPLICATION:

All qualified applicants are invited to apply and should include the following:

PhD Researchers

- Copy of most recent academic transcript
- Evidence of current enrolment in a PhD program at a recognized institution
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of support from PhD supervisor
- Research proposal

Post-doctoral Researchers

- Proof of a PhD degree from a recognized institution. Applications from ABD researchers will be accepted but any offers will be conditional on applicants obtaining their PhD.
- Copy of most recent academic transcript
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a referee
- Research proposal

Early Career Researchers

- Proof of Master's or PhD degree from a recognized institution
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of eligibility as early career scholar
- Letter of recommendation from a referee
- Research proposal

RESEARCH PROPOSAL:

All research proposals should contain the following information:

1. Name and Address
2. Citizenship(s)
3. Qualifications (Degrees)
4. Category Being Applied For:
 - PhD (University of PhD program)
 - Post-Doctoral (University where PhD obtained)
 - Early Career (University where appointed if applicable)
5. Origin Country and Institution (if available)
6. Proposed Destination Country and Institution
7. Proposed Timeline (Start and End Dates)
8. List Scholarly/Personal Objectives for Participation in QES Program
9. Proposed Research Project (1-2 pages)

Please describe your proposed research project providing details of Overall Goal, Specific Objectives, Rationale, Research Questions, Methodology and Proposed Outputs. Please note that this is a working proposal which will assist us to determine the fit and relevance with the HCP. If selected, we may provide you with further feedback and suggestions in finalising your research plan.

10. Placement [if available, please provide the name of the NGO, think-tank, civil society organization or private company and describe what you hope to do and achieve for the 30% of the time devoted to your placement].¹
11. Community Engagement Activity [please describe any community engagement activities you would like to be engaged in during your program.]

If you have any questions about the program and application process please address these to Mary Caesar (mcaesar@balsillieschool.ca).

Please submit your completed application by email to:

Ms Maria Salamone
Program Manager
msalamone@balsillieschool.ca

¹ Scholars coming to Canada will have the choice of a placement with either the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo or the Toronto Food Policy Council.