Funded Animal Governance Graduate Research Opportunities at Queen’s University

The Lives of Animals Research Group (http://www.queensu.ca/livesofanimals/) at Queen’s University in Canada is seeking highly motivated, interdisciplinary, and adventurous graduate students interested in working on issues related to Animal Governance beginning September 2017 or 2018.

Masters and/or doctoral level projects will explore the actors, knowledges, structures, practices, and outcomes that shape human engagements with and management of animals in Canada or Botswana. Projects will engage scholarship at the intersection of environmental governance, political ecology and animal geography to consider how and why particular animal governance strategies are operationalized in a particular context, and the ways in which humans and animals negotiate them as differentially empowered socio-political actors. Projects may focus on companion, domesticated or wild animals and may highlight strategies such as translocation, rehabilitation, training, monitoring, breeding, culling etc.

A competitive funding package will be offered to successful candidates, including field research costs within Canada or Botswana. The successful candidate is expected to apply for external funding with support from the research group, and will have the opportunity to publish in peer-reviewed journals and present findings at academic conferences and to key stakeholders.

Interested candidates are welcome to contact Dr. Alice J. Hovorka (alice.hovorka@queensu.ca) via email and include (i) statement of interest and description of scholarly goals (ii) updated CV (iii) unofficial copy of academic transcripts.