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Funded PhD opportunity: Central Banks, Economic Crisis, and Uneven Development

I am seeking a PhD candidate to work on the SSHRC-funded project 'Engine of inequality? Central Banks, Economic Crisis, and Uneven Development'. This project will use a novel combination of geographic and critical accounting approaches to study the mechanisms through which new forms of monetary policy (e.g. Quantitative Easing/Tightening) and its connections to the asset management industry have shaped the Canadian economy (particularly the growth of wealth inequality) since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

This project provides an opportunity to collaborate with interdisciplinary scholars across three universities: the University of Waterloo, Queen's University, and York University and a wider project team that includes Dr. Emily Rosenman (Penn State). This project will involve a range of qualitative and quantitative methods and provide training for PhD students in a variety of research methods including discourse analysis, balance sheet analysis, power mapping, and qualitative interviews.

The specific position that is the subject of this call is outlined below:

PhD position: Political analysis of Bank of Canada policies

Working with Dr. Dan Cohen at Queen's University, for this position I am seeking a PhD student to begin in September 2024 to undertake research interrogating the politics of monetary policy in Canada. The student will be expected to contribute to the SSHRC project described above, but may also choose to undertake their own separate research on a proposed research topic related to the critical studies of markets and finance. This position comes with a *minimum* funding package of \$24,504 CAD per year for four years, plus funding for fieldwork and conference travel. Additional income through TAs and RAs may also be available to the student.

Queen's University is located in Kingston, Ontario, which is ideally located between Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa. The Department of Geography and Planning offers a vibrant home for the study of geography with world-class scholars and a rich intellectual community. For more information please see: <https://www.queensu.ca/geographyandplanning/about-graduate-geography>

Candidates should submit a CV and brief statement of interest to Dr. Dan Cohen (dan.cohen@queensu.ca) by Dec 8, 2023. Due to funding restrictions, this position is open to students who qualify for domestic status in Canada.