



**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**  
**College of Social and Applied**  
**Human Sciences**  
**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

### *Fellowship Offered*

We offer one fellowship of up to \$6,000 per year for two years to join a project on human-animal relationship in the Himalayas. The successful applicant will develop a case study that examines how human-animal relationships are impacted by state-making in a borderland area adjoining China—in either India, Bhutan, or Nepal. The student will pursue a Master's degree in Public Issues Anthropology at the University of Guelph under the supervision of Prof. Gagné.

This fellowship is part of the broader project *Multispecies Politics in the Borderlands*, led by Prof. Gagné and supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Articulated around the themes of conservation, livelihoods, and territoriality, the project analyzes the ways marginalized individuals and often-endangered animal species (though not exclusively) are implicated in state production in border areas.

The fellowship is offered **in addition** to stipend funds provided by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. It will include support for fieldwork as well as Research Assistantship funding. Additional funds may be available for relevant conference travel.

The expected start date is Fall 2026. Interested students should review the admission guidelines for the MA in Public Issues Anthropology (<https://socioanthro.uoguelph.ca/future-students/public-issues-anthropology-ma>) and are strongly encouraged to contact Prof. Gagné (gagnek@uoguelph.ca) before applying.

