



Doctoral Thesis Fellowships and Postdoctoral Fellowships Call For Applications

A group of Canadian scholars has created **Value Addition Through Genomics and GE³LS (VALGEN)**, a Genome Canada project managed by Genome Prairie. VALGEN is one of 12 projects supported by Genome Canada's competition in Applied Genomics Research in Bioproducts or Crops (ABC).

VALGEN responds to the deep governance challenges and opportunities of applied genomics for bioproducts and crops through research and knowledge mobilization on the core issues of intellectual property management, regulation and governance and democratic engagement. VALGEN adds value to genomics science and integrated GE³LS projects through a number of mechanisms – formal networking, identification of overlaps and gaps in the collective research activities of integrated GE³LS, communications, coordination of partnerships, and new researcher mobility programs. Spanning disciplines and institutions, VALGEN fosters national and international collaboration and partnerships.

Up to six doctoral thesis fellowships and three postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded in the three major research areas of VALGEN: (1) intellectual property management, (2) regulation and governance, and (3) democratic engagement. Fellowships will be located in one or more of the following institutions: University of Saskatchewan, University of Ottawa, University of British Columbia, University of Regina, McGill University, University of Calgary, Laval University, the University of Western Ontario, or other universities in the VALGEN network.

Eligibility

Doctoral Thesis Fellows – PhD students in GE³LS or cognate disciplines at Canadian universities and Canadian PhD students at non-Canadian universities, at or reaching the thesis stage prior to disbursement of funds. VALGEN Doctoral Thesis Fellows will be required to write a doctoral thesis on one of the three major VALGEN research themes.

Postdoctoral Fellows must have a PhD completed prior to taking up a postdoctoral appointment with VALGEN, with the exception of candidates in Law who may hold the LLM or equivalent graduate degree in law. Candidates' disciplinary backgrounds are of less importance than demonstrable preparation for high quality research in our specified areas, including evidence of experience in interdisciplinary research questions, teams, methods and knowledge mobilization to diverse readers and end-users.

Successful candidates will have excellent oral and written communication skills in English, superior organizational skills and demonstrated capacity to adapt as research questions and programs evolve. Doctoral and postdoctoral fellows will be required to work on milestone-driven activities under one of the three major VALGEN research themes.

Funding

Doctoral Thesis Fellowships are valued at \$20,000 per annum, renewable for a maximum of two years of funding, conditional on satisfactory progress.

Postdoctoral Fellowships are paid the prevailing Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada postdoctoral salary. They are offered for a renewable one year term, conditional on satisfactory progress, and may be eligible for conversion to a Research Associate position.

For More Information and to Apply:

An application consisting of a detailed cover letter and C.V. must be submitted by December 1, 2009.

Submit applications to: Kari Doerksen, University of Saskatchewan, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, 101 Diefenbaker Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 5B8 or to kdoerksen@genomeprairie.ca.

For more information please consult www.genomecanada.ca and www.valgen.ca.