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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Social Development Fellow at the School of Social Work University of British Columbia

The School of Social Work at The University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus) in collaboration with the Office of Regional and International Community Engagement (ORICE) invite applications for a Social Development Fellow to plan and conduct a research and/or practice-oriented project that can benefit local community in the Global South.

Building upon a foundation of social justice and an ethic of care, the School of Social Work (SSW) is actively engaged in the development of critical, transformative knowledge for social work practice and research. Based on a commitment to fundamental social work values and a vision of social justice, the SSW prepares students for generalist and advanced practice. The School offers a Bachelors, Masters and PhD in Social Work and its faculty members advance research and teaching in topics related to mental health and critical psychiatry, immigration and refugees, critical disability, social policy, historical memory, criminal justice, Indigenous social welfare and international and social development. For further information, visit socialwork.ubc.ca.

The Office of Regional and International Community Engagement (ORICE) is situated within the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at UBC and designs programs for undergraduate and graduate students across all faculties. ORICE believes in creating spaces to connect, inspire and cultivate collaborative impact for a more sustainable, inclusive, and just world. ORICE offers academic courses, interdisciplinary co-curricular programs, immersive placement opportunities, and public lectures and events to help bridge academia and practice. For further information, visit orice.ubc.ca.

The Social Development Fellow is supported by a fund established with a generous gift from the estate of Professor Emeritus Dr. Richard B. Splane. The Social Development Fellow is expected to strengthen UBC capacity in global social policy and social and community development and to foster collaboration across UBC and with local communities where there are similar strengths and interests. The School of Social Work and ORICE support this initiative and will encourage their faculty, students and staff to participate in related events and open space for exchange and networking during the short period of their stay on the Vancouver campus.



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Terms of the Fellowship

The successful application is expected to plan and conduct a project/research that can benefit their local community based in a Global South setting. Each year, the call will focus on specific areas that are related to social and community development and policies.

For this year (2023/24), the call focuses on one of the following areas:

1. The impact of climate change on women and girls (health and wellbeing, education and access to socioeconomic opportunities and approaches to ameliorate).
2. Advocacy as it relates to the rights of gender and sexual minorities.

The applicant and the project will need to be sponsored by either an NGO either based in Canada or the applicant's home country (local/international), or a local higher education institution. The sponsor organization will:

1. Provide a recommendation letter on letterhead to certify the credibility of the applicant.
2. Be willing to receive funds from UBC for the project and reimburse expenses to the applicant.

Details of the Fellowship Award

1. The successful applicant will be invited to UBC to present the project results to the selection committee, deliver one public lecture, and to lead a one-day workshop on a topic of their expertise for members of UBC and community organizations. The visit will be for two weeks and will take place in the 9th or 12th month of the project or as agreed upon by the Social Development Fellow and the Working Group.
 - The applicant will complete the funded project in 12 months. The maximum funding for the implementation of the project is CAD \$5,000.
 - UBC School of Social Work will cover the cost of the flight (economy class), visa fees and accommodation for the visit. ORICE will provide a CAD \$500 honorarium to support additional incidental expenses related to the visit.
2. The successful applicant is expected to:
 - Present the proposal and implementation plan to the International Social Development Fellowship Working Group at UBC (hereafter the Working Group) and other stakeholders through virtual platform;
 - Attend quarterly (3 months) meetings during the third and sixth month with the Working Group on progress and updates;
 - When the project is completed, submit and share the results of the project either through online presentation or written report.
3. The School of Social Work and the Office of Regional and International Community Engagement (ORICE) will also assist in promoting workshops and/or other activities undertaken by the



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Visiting Fellow as part of the speaking events at UBC.

4. ORICE will also work with the Fellow to arrange an itinerary to meet with organizations or individuals in the Greater Vancouver Area that are of interest to the Fellow.

Application

To apply, please email the following to Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim, the Chair of the Working Group at mohamed.ibrahim@ubc.ca, with "Social Development Fellow" in the subject line:

- Current curriculum vitae (C.V.);
- One-page letter of application explaining your particular interest in an association with the School of Social Work and your potential contributions to each;
- Four-page outline of proposed research projects/activities for the Social Development Project with timeline and 1-page on the budget with justifications;
- A letter from a sponsoring academic institution or a registered non-governmental organization to confirm their support and to certify the credibility of the applicant;
- Two reference letters from individuals affiliated with local NGOs, government departments or higher education institutions. The referee should provide their perspective on the applicant's fit with the aims of this position;
- The deadline for submission is **February 28, 2023** for receipt of applications and letters of support;
- The successful applicant will be notified by email on March 31, 2023 with a follow-up Zoom call organized thereafter to plan for the one-year partnership.

Acceptance of the Social Development Fellow will be determined by an adjudication committee, which will consider the applicant's experience, their proposed research/activities and fit with the School of Social Work and the aims of the Social Development Scholar Program, and the ideas and engagement that the applicant would bring to the School of Social Work.