



## 2018-19 Funded Graduate Opportunity

### *Indigenous Laws and Environmental Justice*

**Deadline: Wednesday January 10, 2018**

A graduate scholarship and research assistant stipend is available for an eligible candidate to undertake doctoral research at Osgoode Hall Law School as part of an interdisciplinary team studying the contemporary dynamics of securing consent for resource extraction on Indigenous lands. The project is funded for three years by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The principal investigator is Professor Dayna Nadine Scott (Osgoode/FES) and team members include Professors Andrée Boisselle (Osgoode), Deborah McGregor (Osgoode/FES) and Estair Van Wagner (Osgoode).

The project, *“Consent & Contract: Authorizing Extraction on Indigenous Territories”* is a sustained, community-based participatory research (CBPR) project that will examine law’s role in the decision-making over the potential extraction of minerals and the injection of massive new infrastructure in Ontario’s boreal region known as the “Ring of Fire”. Our proposed approach is to examine the deliberations and decision-making processes, and their social and political context, as they unfold *within* Indigenous communities in the region, centering on the role of Indigenous legal traditions in shaping those processes. Our inquiry will also be informed by the layers of law and normativity framing those processes and outcomes from the *outside*, including Canadian Aboriginal rights doctrines, private and public law regimes for land use planning and environmental regulation, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, among others. A main focus of this inquiry will be the role of state actors in negotiations between First Nations and industry parties towards private contractual agreements about resource development.

The research position may include opportunities for research travel to Ontario’s far north, conference travel, and training in empirical legal research methods. Preference will be given to candidates with previous course work or relevant experience in Environmental, Land-Use Planning Law, Natural Resources Law, Aboriginal Law, and Indigenous Legal Traditions; practice experience and/or prior writing projects on questions of environmental justice, settler colonialism, Indigenous laws and/or community-based research methodologies. Excellent knowledge of the Canadian legal system is required.

The successful candidate must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and meet the admission and program requirements for Osgoode's LLM or PhD program.

[Apply online here.](#)

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A successful candidate at the PhD level will receive a scholarship and research assistant stipend valued at **\$27,000 CDN** for one year, renewable for a maximum of two additional years.

A successful candidate at the LLM level will receive a scholarship and research assistant stipend valued at **\$22,000 CDN** for one year.

The successful candidate would be expected to commence the program in **September 2018**.

For further information about the research project please contact [Professor Dayna Nadine Scott](#)

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For information about the Research LLM & PhD program and admissions requirements and process, please email the [Graduate Program in Law](#).