



**Announcement of the International Law Research Program's
2016 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Competition**
For citizens or permanent residents of Canada

This funding opportunity is open to citizens or permanent residents* of Canada. Candidates must apply through the SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships competition.

It is offered as a joint initiative administered in collaboration by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the International Law Research Program (ILRP) of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

Selected recipients (fellows) may be funded jointly by SSHRC and CIGI's ILRP or solely by the latter in accordance with the memorandum of understanding between SSHRC and CIGI's ILRP.

Based on the source(s) of funding, governing regulations and policies may vary.

*Permanent resident status must be obtained, at the latest, by the application deadline.

Overview

Value	Up to \$80,500 per year Plus up to \$18,000 in research allowance
Duration	Between 12 and 24 months

The International Law Research Program (ILRP) of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is pleased to invite applications for post-doctoral fellowships for research in one or more of the ILRP areas of focus, set out below. The ILRP invites doctoral students who are completing their SJD/PhD in Law and those who have completed such a degree in the last two years to apply for these post-doctoral fellowships. The ILRP will be engaging up to six post-doctoral fellows in 2017.

Context

About CIGI

CIGI is an independent, non-partisan think tank focused on international law, governance, economics, politics and security. Led by experienced practitioners and distinguished academics, CIGI supports research, forms networks, advances policy debate and generates ideas for multilateral governance improvements. **[Read more]**

About SSHRC

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) is the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports postsecondary-based research and research training in the humanities and social sciences. **[Read more]**

About ILRP

The ILRP is a \$60-million, ten-year, multi-disciplinary international law research program located at the award-winning CIGI Campus in Waterloo, Ontario, proximate to the Balsillie School of International Affairs.

The vision of the ILRP is to strive to make CIGI the world's leading think tank on global governance and law, with recognized impact on how international law is brought to bear on significant global issues. The ILRP mission is to seek to connect knowledge, policy and practice to build the international law framework — the globalized rule of law — to support international governance of the future. Its founding belief is that better international governance, including a strengthened international law framework, can improve the lives of people everywhere, increase prosperity, ensure global sustainability, address inequality and safeguard human rights, and promote a more secure world.

Objectives

The ILRP post-doctoral fellowship program aims to develop world-class intellectual strength in the areas of international law that are most important to global innovation, prosperity, sustainability and security.

Description

ILRP areas of research focus

In consultation with public, private, academic and civil society sector experts in international and transnational law the ILRP has developed a research work plan focused on advancing knowledge and understanding in three vital areas of international law, set out below. In pursuing its work plan the ILRP is interested in empirical case studies, analysis of the efficacy of international law regimes, and interdisciplinary research that considers the impacts on human security, rights and development. In its research, the ILRP is attentive to the emerging interactions between international and transnational law, indigenous law and constitutional law. The ILRP areas of research focus are the following:

1. International economic law:

- international and transnational governance and regulation of insolvency and sovereign debt;
- multilateral harmonization of local regulations in the global value chain or web, including developments in private international law and adoption and evolution of the Ruggie Principles (the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights);
- financial and commercial regulation in the global Internet-based marketplace; and
- emerging issues in international trade and investment law, in particular:
 - governance of multilateral and preferential trade agreements; and
 - assessing the use of investor-state arbitration in diverse contexts (case studies).

2. International intellectual property (IIP) law:

- modernizing international and domestic legal frameworks for Internet governance to encompass the new frontiers of IP rights in the Fourth Industrial Age;
- creating international and domestic legal frameworks and policies to encourage green/clean technology development and transfer;
- adapting IIP law frameworks for open innovation and collaborative innovation mechanisms;
- evaluating IIP rules and the advantages and disadvantages of multilateral vs. like-minded or regional IP and trade instruments (case studies)
- protecting IP rights while unlocking and commercializing IP from academic research;

- training IIP legal practitioners and disseminating functional IP knowledge to innovators (IP Law Clinic); and
- supporting indigenous peoples in securing protections for biodiversity, indigenous knowledge and cultural expression.

3. International environmental law:

- assessing the efficacy of bilateral or regional environmental agreements vs. multilateral environmental agreements to address emerging international and transnational issues (e.g., water management, Arctic governance);
- international or transnational governance and regulation of the extractive industry and energy sector, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (John Knox) concept of environmental protection as a human right;
- relations between indigenous peoples and extractive industries;
- implementing climate change commitments through international, transnational, national and subnational legal and policy instruments (case studies); and
- engagement of indigenous peoples in climate change action.

Infrastructure and support

During the period of residency each post-doctoral fellow will be provided work and study space in the CIGI Campus building as well as access to our library and related research resources. A computer, telephone, internet and e-mail access will be provided. Financial support for reasonable research-related costs such as travel and conference attendance will be provided.

Residency at the CIGI Campus building will offer post-doctoral fellows an opportunity to pursue academic research in a think-tank environment with other experienced researchers and senior fellows who are studying related issues of international law, as well as to participate actively in the ILRP international law research work program and relevant CIGI and ILRP scholarly and professional activities.

CIGI will provide guidance to post-doctoral fellows who require assistance finding suitable accommodation for the duration of their period of residency at the CIGI Campus.

Value and Duration

CIGI's ILRP Postdoctoral Fellowships are valued at \$80,500 per year plus an accountable research allowance of up to \$18,000. These are **taxable, non-renewable** fellowships, tenable for a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 24 months. The award may begin on the first of any month between May 2017 and January 2018.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for, receive, and maintain CIGI ILRP funding, candidates are expected to meet and follow the eligibility requirements outlined below:

Eligibility to apply

To apply to this funding opportunity, candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of Canada (status must be obtained by the application deadline).

Candidates must also be current SJD/PhD students in Law, or have earned such degree no earlier than September 2014 (date all degree requirements were completed, not the date of graduation).

Note: Other related academic backgrounds may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The proposed research must meet the ILRP objectives and have a focus on one or more of the ILRP areas of research focus.

Residency

Post-doctoral fellows are required to spend an average of 4 out of 5 days per week at the CIGI Campus building in Waterloo, Ontario. There is some flexibility with the residency element and the specific arrangements will be worked out with the program director.

Note: CIGI's ILRP will be pleased to enter into partnership arrangements with Canadian and foreign universities or research institutions to provide post-doctoral candidates with academic supervision.

Medical insurance

Post-doctoral fellows must obtain adequate medical insurance during their stay at CIGI if relocating from outside the province of Ontario. Post-doctoral fellows from Canadian provinces other than Ontario may be eligible for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), the government-run health insurance plan in place within the Province of Ontario. However, all post-doctoral fellows are required to ensure that they have suitable health insurance either through OHIP or private insurer before taking up residency with the ILRP.

Deliverables

Post-doctoral fellows are expected to produce a major research project on a topic related to the ILRP areas of research focus, which has been approved by the program director. They are also expected to deliver a research plan for their major topic of research, quarterly updates on progress of research, a comprehensive academic report, policy paper and policy brief, and summary and more extensive presentation materials. Additionally, they are expected to participate in the planning and development of related research projects with other ILRP researchers and fellows. The specific details of the deliverables will be determined in consultation with the program director.

In addition, post-doctoral fellows are required to acknowledge, verbally and/or in writing, their source(s) of funding and the role it has played in their research, in the following cases:

- media interviews, speeches, and presentations at conferences and workshops;
- conference or workshop materials, web materials, press releases and other media materials; and
- submissions to peer-reviewed publications, citing the name of the funding opportunity.

CIGI (and/or SSHRC) may cancel the post-doctoral fellowship if the candidate's progress is judged unsatisfactory.

Additional requirements

Candidates must also comply with the eligibility requirements, regulations, policies and guidelines set out in the SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships funding opportunity description.

Application Process

Before submitting their application, candidates must ensure that they meet the requirements specified under Eligibility.

Candidates **must** complete and submit the SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships application, **ensuring to indicate their desire to be considered for this joint initiative** in the appropriate section of the application form. Instructions for filling out the application form and CV are available within the online application system.

Evaluation and Adjudication

Selection Procedure

The selection committee is composed of the ILRP Director, Program Manager, senior ILRP researchers and the CIGI Human Resources Director.

First, applications will be adjudicated by the relevant SSHRC adjudication committee.

Then, eligible applications that will have been recommended for funding (whether successful or considered recommended but not funded by SSHRC) will be referred to CIGI's ILRP selection committee for final review and selection.

The selection process will include a review of application materials. Select candidates may be called for oral interviews (by telephone, via Internet – using Skype, Google Hangout, etc. – or in person). **Additional documentation may also be requested by the selection committee.**

Evaluation criteria

The selection committee will consider the following:

1. the potential of the candidate including education, training, experience, and academic achievement (on the basis of transcripts, reference letters, publications)
2. the ability of the candidate to successfully complete the research project and to work collaboratively in multi-disciplinary teams to achieve the ILRP work plan projects;
3. the qualities of the research project (e.g. relevance of the proposed research project to the ILRP areas of focus, originality, clarity and feasibility).

Candidates will be selected based on past academic and work performance, letters of reference, statement of interest, professional goals, relevance of the postdoctoral fellow's research project to the ILRP areas of research focus, and ability to collaborate with ILRP researchers to achieve the work plan projects.

The selection committee's decisions cannot be appealed.

Adjudication timelines

Submission deadline	Assessment by CIGI	Announcement of results	Available start dates
September 21, 2016	March 2017	April 2017	First of every month between May 2017 and January 2018

Regulations and Policies

Exceptionally, post-doctoral fellows funded solely by CIGI's ILRP may defer or interrupt their fellowship for medical reasons, maternity/paternity leave or on compassionate grounds, conditional upon approval by the selection committee. The maximum length of time allowed for deferral will be 12 months.

Jointly funded post-doctoral fellows (by SSHRC and CIGI's ILRP) must comply with the regulations set out for their SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship.

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