

Funded MA position for project on Governing Community Energy Planning (CEP)

(BONUS: paid student internship at City of London, in addition to usual funding)

A 2-year paid research-based social scientific MA in a geography/environmental program is available at Western University Geography/Environment and Sustainability. Any student interested in environmental policy, regardless of disciplinary background will be considered. Selection of the student will be based largely on undergraduate academic performance rather than disciplinary background, but some experience in the social sciences is an asset. Be part of a national (Ontario, Nova Scotia, British Columbia) SSHRC-funded team of researchers doing multi-site, cross-jurisdictional comparative analyses of CEP governing frameworks, processes, and outcomes as part of the CEKAP project – Community Energy Knowledge and Action Partnership (website currently under construction). The research project goal is to assess the extent to which existing policies, legislation, and regulation within and across governance levels are aligned to facilitate CEP initiatives (e.g., are they complementary, redundant, competitive?). Face-to-face interviews will likely be the core method used in the research but design and implementation of a survey may be involved. The student will be [admitted to Geography](#), with the option to participate in the [Environment and Sustainability collaborative program](#) and will receive funding package from Geography. In addition to the [base funding](#) (approx. \$10K + tuition) the student will be paid for i) a City of London one-term (summer) internship in year 1 (you will learn about CEP by doing it!) and ii) a year 2 summer graduate research assistantship paid from the SSHRC.

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