



CANSEE

2021 Conference:

Pathways for an Inclusive & Sustainable Recovery

Graduate Assistant Position: Conference Organizer

Background

From May 24-27, 2021, the [Canadian Society for Ecological Economics \(CANSEE\)](#) will host its 13th biennial conference online in partnership with the University of Victoria's School of Public Administration. The conference title is "Pathways for an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery." Recent massive social upheaval triggered by combined health and equity crises have exposed deep injustices that plague our society and how our pursuit of private consumption and profit at the expense of public programs has hampered our ability to address social crises. While facing these crises, we also face an environmental one, flagged by scientists and activists for decades, but insufficiently attended to by policy-makers. People from all over the world are demanding a transition to a more socially and ecologically resilient global order. CANSEE 2021 will bring together academics, policy-makers, non-government organizations, and practitioners to discuss and inform policy solutions to facilitate this transition. Key conference themes include: approaches to a post-pandemic recovery, inclusive ecological economics, ecological law & justice, climate interventions, sustainable exchange, systems complexity and co-evolution. CANSEE is looking to hire a graduate assistant (GA) from any Canadian university to help in conference organization.

Responsibilities and expectations

The GA will assist and report to Dr. Katya Rhodes and Dr. Lynda Gagné in organizing the conference, with a focus on supporting the scientific committee chaired by Dr. Rhodes. Examples of responsibilities include tracking and reviewing abstracts, contacting keynote speakers, designing presentation formats, taking notes, and moderating sessions.

Work load is up to **290 hours at UVic's graduate hourly rate of \$27.10 plus vacation pay, with fluctuating weekly hours between November 23, 2020 and June 30, 2021.**

Required skills and experience

- Graduate student (PhD, MSc, or MA) in a relevant discipline, preferably economics and ecology-related, including Environmental Studies, Economics, Public Administration, or Geography.
- Excellent organizational, writing, and communication skills.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and online conference formats.
- Ability to adjust to varying work time demands over the planning horizon.

Application requirements

- Applications must include (1) a CV, and (2) a cover letter (one page maximum) describing motivations and skills to assist with online conference organization.
- Applications should be sent to **Dr. Katya Rhodes**, Assistant Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Victoria, to krhodes@uvic.ca.
- The **deadline to apply is Friday, November 6, 2020** (11:55 pm PST).