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Models of Urban Evolution

JOB POSTING – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Area of Research: Urban Studies, Urban Evolution, Placemaking, Urban Informatics

Overview of the Position:

Models of Urban Evolution is a University of Toronto – Hebrew University of Jerusalem Research & Training Alliance intended to study the mechanisms by which cities in general and urban forms and practices in particular evolve. While the Alliance is interested in these themes in general, much of our research examines them by ways of Placemaking practices and of urban modeling and informatics. Please reach out to Dan Silver at dan.silver@utoronto.ca if you would like to receive more information about the Alliance and its activities.

We are seeking a single candidate for a **year-long term** to join the partnership as a post-doctoral **Researcher and Project Coordinator**. The successful candidate will join the leadership team of the Alliance to contribute to both the research activities and the strategic and operational management of the initiative. They will collaborate with, and liaise between, members of the alliance, coordinate meetings and events, and support student training initiatives.

The successful candidate will play a pivotal role in supporting and coordinating research activities by leading and initiating research activities as well as supporting ongoing efforts. They will also pursue their own existing research, present it to the research team, and to receive mentorship and feedback. The Post-Doc offers opportunities to collaborate with interdisciplinary urban researchers in Sociology, Urban Planning, and Geography, Theatre Studies, Computer Science, and Engineering across the tri-campus University of Toronto and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Other responsibilities may include assisting project teams with data collection and analysis, writing, and presentations. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in urban research topics and methodologies, excellent organizational, time management, and multitasking abilities, and the capability to work collaboratively in an academic setting.

The postdoctoral fellow will have access to office space at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus at the Institute for Management and Innovation.

Description of Duties:

The successful candidate will act as a Research Coordinator, conducting primary research in one or more of the Research & Training Alliance's projects, while contributing to journal articles and conference presentations. The successful candidate will facilitate communication and collaboration among project working groups, ensuring seamless research coordination.

Required qualifications:

- PhD degree in urban-related field awarded within the past 5 years;
- Extensive knowledge of some sub-field of urban research (broadly construed in an interdisciplinary way) with relevance to the project; interest in urban processes and/or Placemaking is valuable but not required
- Demonstrated experience in urban research using quantitative (e.g. urban informatics, computational urban methods) and/or qualitative (e.g. policy analysis, case studies, content analysis) methods;
- Excellent written and oral communication in English;
- Excellent personal time management, project management and organizational skills.

Salary: \$60,000/ year + conference travel + benefits + 15 days of vacation

Application instructions:

All individuals interested in this position must **submit a cover letter and CV** to Daniel Silver (dan.silver@utoronto.ca). Please email materials in a single PDF with the subject line: **Models of Urban Evolution PDF Application.**

Closing date: Screening of applications will commence on January 15, 2025, and continue until the position is filled.

Supervisor: [Daniel Silver](#). Depending on the PDF's area of expertise and interests they may work more closely with any of the project co-PIs: [Mark Fox](#); [Shauna Brail](#); [Emily Silverman](#); [Diego Rotman](#); [Yair Grinberger](#); [Noga Keidar](#).

Expected start date: By Fall 2025 at the latest, open to earlier start depending on successful applicants schedule.

Term: 1 year

FTE: 1 Full-time equivalent

The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a full-time postdoctoral fellow (pro-rated for those holding a partial appointment) recognizing that the needs of the employee's

research and training and the needs of the supervisor's research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee's duties and hours of work.

Employment as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto is covered by the terms of the CUPE 3902 Unit 5 Collective Agreement. This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 5 Collective Agreement.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.