

MA or PhD in Resource Management and Environmental Communication based at the University of Calgary

We are seeking a highly motivated MA or PhD student interested in resource management, sustainable livelihoods, environmental communication and/or maritime communities to join the Department of Geography at the University of Calgary.

Increasingly, environmental scholars and practitioners are looking at the role of communication and participation in the design and implementation of environmental policy, management and response. We seek individuals interested in the intersections among environmental communication, spatial politics, decision-making and their outcomes, within an over-arching engagement with political ecology and socio-ecological justice. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding previous degree performance, enthusiasm for research and onsite field immersion, excellent written and verbal communication skills, well-developed organizational skills, and an ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively, and contribute to research projects in a team outside of their core research. Applicants with a passion for oceans, original ideas, critical thinking, and strong linguistic skills or aptitude will be viewed favourably.

The student will study with principal investigator Dr. Chui-Ling Tam to explore challenges of participation for marginalized populations in relation to power, resource development, environmental communication and management. Current projects are among marine communities and protected areas in Indonesia and the Canadian Arctic, and social good networks in Alberta (see <http://geog.ucalgary.ca/profiles/chui-ling-tam>). Our research mission is global, comparative, participatory and citizen-led.

A competitive funding package will be offered to the successful candidate including field research costs in Southeast Asia. The successful candidate is expected to apply for external funding, Tri-Council, with support from the PI. The successful student will have the opportunity to publish manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals and present findings at conferences.

Interested candidates should contact Dr. Tam (cltam@ucalgary.ca) **by December 15, 2016** and include a brief description of themselves, academic interests and goals, and an unofficial copy of their academic transcript.

About the University of Calgary

The University of Calgary is a leading Canadian university located in the nation's most enterprising city. The university has a clear strategic direction to become one of Canada's top five research universities by 2016, where innovative teaching and groundbreaking research go hand in hand, and where we fully engage the communities we both serve and lead. The strategy is called Eyes High, inspired by our Gaelic motto, which translates to "I will lift up my eyes." To succeed as one of Canada's top universities, where new ideas are created, tested and applied through first-class teaching and research, the University of Calgary needs more of the best minds in our classrooms and labs. We're increasing our scholarly capacity by investing in people who want to change the world, bringing the best and brightest to Calgary to form a global intellectual hub and achieve advances that matter to everyone.

About Calgary, Alberta

Named a cultural capital of Canada and one of the best places to live in the world, Calgary is a city of leaders in business, community, philanthropy and volunteerism. Calgarians benefit from the strongest economy in the nation and enjoy more days of sunshine per year than any other major Canadian city. Calgary is less than an hour's drive from the Rocky Mountains and boasts the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America. The University of Calgary believes that a respectful workplace, equal opportunity and building a diverse workforce contribute to the richness of the environment for teaching, learning and research, and provide faculty, staff, students and the public with a university that reflects the society it serves. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply, however preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

