

Postdoctoral researcher in international migration - sociology/political science/quantitative methods

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral researcher position at McGill University in Québec, Canada. The position will be jointly affiliated with the Canada Research Chair in International Migration (Thomas Soehl) and Demo-Tip lab (Aaron Erlich). The researcher will also be affiliated with the [Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship](#), an interdisciplinary inter-university research centre.

The initial appointment will be for one year but the appointment may be renewed for a second year based on performance.

Substantive Focus and Responsibilities

The position will be split between two research projects.

Tajribati - Early Integration Trajectories of Syrians in Canada. This project collected the first wave of a nationally representative survey of Syrians who were resettled to Canada between 2015 and 2017. Over the next two years, the project will create its first reports and research papers from this data, while also preparing the second wave of data collection. For more information: <https://tajribati.ca>

Study of Nigerians at Home and Abroad: This SSHRC funded research project will use a variety of innovative survey recruitment strategies to conduct a global survey of the Nigerian diaspora. Initial pre-tests of the fieldwork strategy are completed but we plan to launch several additional surveys over the 2-year funding period of the project.

We expect the researcher to take an active role in pushing these projects forward, in collaboration with graduate students and undergraduate research assistants. The researcher will also have opportunities to develop their own research within these projects. Tasks will include literature reviews, preparing data collection and fielding online surveys, data management, coding, and cleaning, data analysis, drafting papers for publication, and presentation of results. The position does not entail any teaching and is a great opportunity for a scholar to build their C.V.

Eligibility Criteria

A Ph.D. in sociology, demography, political science, geography, or another related discipline. The dissertation should be completed before the anticipated start-date but candidates will also be considered with a letter from their primary supervisor stating that the thesis can be submitted shortly after the anticipated start date.

- Expertise in the field of international migration and a strong interest in working in an interdisciplinary environment

- Candidates must have strong statistical skills and extensive experience working with complex quantitative data.
- Excellent skills in statistical software are required - R programming skills and experience are preferred.
- Experience or desire to learn programming complex surveys (Qualtrics/Javascript) are advantages.
- Knowledge of version control (Git/Github) and LaTeX are both pluses
- Candidates must work well in a collaborative research environment. Excellent ability to communicate in English, both spoken and written, is essential. Knowledge of French is not required but is an advantage.

Position

Depending on the candidate's availability the position may begin as early as October 2020, but no later than Winter/Spring, 2021. Salary is negotiable but expected to be in the range of major federal Canadian funding agencies (CA\$45,000-50,000 per year, plus benefits). Given the current pandemic, while residence in Montreal is preferred, other working arrangements may be considered on a case-by-case basis. For more information on the cost of living in Montreal: <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Montreal>.

Application Process

Applicants should submit 1) a letter of interest, 2) a C.V., and 3) one article-length writing sample to Professors Thomas Soehl (thomas.soehl@mcgill.ca) and Aaron Erlich (aaron.erlich@mcgill.ca). Please indicate "Post-Doc Application" in the subject line. In addition we encourage applicants to submit their materials compiled as one pdf file [here](#).

Candidates should indicate when they would be ready to start. Review of applications will begin October 5 2020, and will continue until the position is filled. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to provide two letters of reference.

Eligibility is open with respect to citizenship; applicants should note in their cover letter whether they are already authorized to work in Canada (whether through citizenship, permanent residency, or a work visa). Information on applying for a work permit in Canada is available at <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs/international/workpermit> . Complete information about the status of postdoctoral researcher at McGill is available at <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/postdocs/fellows>.

McGill University hires on the basis of merit and is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community. We welcome applications from racialized persons/visible minorities, women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, as well as from all qualified candidates with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities. McGill implements an employment equity program and encourages members of designated groups to self-identify. Persons with disabilities who anticipate needing accommodations for any part of the application process may contact, in confidence, accessibilityrequest.hr@mcgill.ca or 514-398-3711.