

# Graduate students: apply before August 18, 2025, to join the **Canada Water Agency** as a research fellow!

The Agency's new Research Fellowship Program aims to foster connections between academic research and freshwater policy. For 2025-2026, research priorities include **water economics** and **water security**.



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# Does your graduate research focus on freshwater issues in Canada? Are you interested in bridging the gap between academic research and policy?

## **Apply to become a research fellow at the Canada Water Agency!**

At the Canada Water Agency, we work with provinces, territories, Indigenous peoples, local authorities, scientists and others to find the best ways to keep the water safe, clean and well-managed for future generations. (Find out more about the Canada Water Agency on the last page.)

Our new Research Fellowship Program will bring a Master's or PhD student from a Canadian university for a part-time, 6-month placement (with possibility for extension) to undertake policy research aligned with both 1) the student's research project and 2) current Agency priorities.

## **As a research fellow at the Canada Water Agency, you will have the opportunity to:**

- Work part-time conducting innovative research related to your degree or program while pursuing your studies.
- Gain experience with the Canada Water Agency, strengthening linkages between academic research and freshwater policy and programs.
- Mobilize your research expertise and knowledge to advance the mandate of the Canada Water Agency and its projects.



## Criteria

- Full-time enrolment in a Canadian-based research-focused Master's or PhD program at a recognized post-secondary institution in a freshwater-related program or research project\*.
- Knowledge and interest in freshwater policy, governance and/or programming.
- Support from your research supervisor.

*\*Depending on the number of applications received, preference may be given to candidates with a research focus on water economics or water security.*

## How to apply

**Please apply through the GC Jobs posting ([link](#)). You will be required to answer questions on your experience and to include:**

- Curriculum Vitae.
- Cover letter demonstrating 1) the alignment between your research project and the Agency's work and mandate and 2) your motivations for participating. This letter will be used to evaluate your writing ability. The total length must not exceed 500 words.
- Completed application questions (see GC Jobs poster for details).
- Contact information for two (2) references, including one from a past or current research advisor.





## The Canada Water Agency

The mandate of the Canada Water Agency is to improve freshwater management in Canada by providing leadership, effective collaboration federally, and improved coordination and collaboration with provinces, territories, and Indigenous peoples to proactively address national and regional transboundary freshwater challenges and opportunities.

The Agency directly responds to Canada's freshwater challenges and opportunities through five interconnected workstreams:

- Service to Canadians
- Policy Leadership
- Cross-Country Collaboration
- Water Literacy
- Foundational Science & Data

Our employees come from diverse backgrounds and are located across the country. The Agency is committed to creating space for Indigenous knowledge systems and practices and fostering a culture of care at work.

Find out more on the [Canada Water Agency website](https://www.canada.ca/en/water-agency).

