Mitacs Globalink Research Internship 2023

Faculty supervisor: Harald Bauder
Host Province: Ontario
Host University: Ryerson University
Host Campus: Toronto
Language: English
Preferred start date: 2023-05-01 (yyyy-mm-dd)
Project ID: 31017

Title: Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in Global Perspective Partnership Project

Project Description: Our project brings together 36 academics and 36 partner organizations to co-develop and share evidence-based knowledge related to the policies and practices accommodating vulnerable and precarious migrants and refugees in major urban centres in Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America. This is a seven-year partnership project funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, and it is housed at the Toronto Metropolitan University Centre for Immigration and Settlement (TMCIS), former Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement. In May 2023 the project will be entering its third year and our research work at TMCIS will centre on data gathering, data entry, and data analysis related to policies and practices for accommodating vulnerable and precarious migrants and refugees. Specifically, our research will compare policies and services in sanctuary and solidarity cities in North America, Latin America, Africa, and Europe. The purpose of our research is twofold; (1) identify best practices for building and enhancing urban capacities to accommodate vulnerable migrants and refugees; and (2) develop novel municipal and community-based policy frameworks to facilitate innovative and evidence-based policy making at local and municipal levels for accommodating vulnerable migrants and refugees. The research methods utilized during this stage of the research will consist of document analysis, program evaluation, case studies, and secondary data analysis. There will be no research conducted with human subjects.

Job Title: Research Assistant The research assistant will work with the Project Director Dr. Harald Bauder and the Project Coordinator Dr. Omar Lujan in comparing policies and services provided by "sanctuary cities" in North America, Latin America, Africa, and Europe. The role of the research assistant will be to conduct data gathering, data entry, and assist in the data analysis

of policies and practices for accommodating vulnerable and precarious migrants and refugees in sanctuary and solidarity cities in North America, Latin America, Africa, and Europe. As part of their role, the research assistant will engage in knowledge mobilization activities such as writing blogs based on research findings.

Required skills for the research assistant include: Excellent communication (esp. written) skills; ability to work independently and in a team Other desirable skills include: Experience in data collection, data analysis, and document analysis

How frequently the following activities will be engaged in:

- Analyzing data or information: Very often
- Conducting surveys or administering questionnaires: Almost never
- Conducting interviews: Never
- Creating drawings, models, or designs: Almost never
- Gathering information from archives, published works, documents, or recordings: Very often
- Making observations outside of a laboratory or controlled environment: Almost never
- Performing controlled experiments: Never
- Programming, scripting, or coding: Almost never
- Reading research literature: Very often
- Solving mathematical problems: Never
- Using hand or machine tools, laboratory equipment, or scientific instruments: Never
- Writing reports: Very often
- Meeting or discussing with the supervisor: Very often
- Working on tasks that require teamwork: Very often

Deadline: The application deadline is Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 1 p.m. Pacific Time (PT).