POST-DOCTORAL PROJECT

Title: Two-eyed seeing of peatlands in Northern Québec

We are looking for a postdoctoral fellow to work in a broad multidisciplinary project on peatlands in the Eeyou-Itschee James Bay region of Northern Québec, Canada. The postdoctoral fellow will have the exciting opportunity to integrate different types of data and knowledge systems on peatlands across the region in order to generate a conservation and ecological planning tool. Some sub-projects have generated biological data on plants, lichens, wildlife (birds, amphibians, and mammals). Other sub-projects have tied together Indigenous ways of knowing and understanding of peatlands, and characteristics of sites of community importance.

Position requirements: We are looking for a PhD graduate who has:

- A demonstrated ability to initiate research characterised by originality, creativity and innovation;
- Experience in working with communities and engaging with Indigenous knowledge holders;
- A PhD in ecology, conservation biology, Indigenous studies, environmental science or a related field of decision theory; or a PhD in another field and post-doctoral experience in one of these fields;
- The ability to function in both French and English (French university, 1 French speaking community and 2 English speaking communities). The ability to speak Cree or Anicinape is a definite advantage.

Post-doc length: minimum of 1 year with a possibility of a longer period, particularly if the candidate is willing to collaborate in grant application writing. The position begins as soon as possible, but no later than September 2021.

Hosting laboratory: The position is at the Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue, associated with the NSERC-UQAT Industrial Research Chair on Northern Biodiversity in a mining context. We are open to discuss remote work, with visits to the communities implicated in the project, once the world health situation permits. The principal supervisor is Nicole Fenton at the Forest Research Institute, in association with Hugo Asselin at the École des Études Autochtones and in collaboration with Chrystal Mantyka-Pringle of the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada and the University of Saskatchewan.

Applications should be sent to Nicole Fenton: Nicole.fenton@uqat.ca before June 1st, 2021. The position may be filled before this deadline if an excellent candidate applies.
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