

## BIG RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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*21<sup>st</sup> Century Borders – Borders in Globalization (BIG)* is an international research project funded through a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada’s Partnership Grant with its central hub located in the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) at the University of Victoria. Our research program is comparative (across regions), policy-relevant, and cohesive (thematically consistent).

Our research program is centred around two key assumptions. First, self-determination and nationalist movements pose internal regulatory/policy challenges to states. They are, in various ways, leading to regulatory, functional, and territorial processes of fragmentation or integration. This concern captures the role of new nationalisms, Indigenous resurgences, and self-determination, as well as cross-border cultures, histories, and memorialization that displace the spatial limits of intergovernmental functions and regulations. Second, new mobile border logics—resulting from cross-border connectivity, transnational regulation and sovereignty found across trade flows and human mobility, or climate change and security regimes—affect borders and ultimately the modern state system. These logics also connect non-contiguous states and regions of the world through mobility and flow corridors linking airports and seaports, requiring global border infrastructures to be located away from territorial boundaries. Our research program assesses the visibility and invisibility of borders as well as their territoriality, and their spatial natures beyond their territoriality.

**BIG is currently seeking applications for five fellowships: two undergraduate fellowships, two Masters level fellowships, and one doctoral fellowship in the area of border studies.**

Fellows will work as part of the BIG team, be expected to conduct primary research, and prepare a report on one of our thematic areas. Outstanding works will lead to publications. The BIG research team at UVic will provide supervision, with support from our advisory boards which are comprised of academics, policy-makers, and business people.

**Eligibility:** The fellowships are open to students interested in coming to UVic for their studies.

**Value:** Fellowship amounts are \$5,000 for undergraduate students (yearly); \$15,000 for MA students (yearly), and \$72,000 for each Doctoral Student (four years). Fellows have access to office space in the CFGS, and may also be eligible for funding for any research and/or conference travel related to the project.

**Conditions:** Fellowships will begin in September 2022; alternative start and end dates may be accommodated. Fellows are expected to produce a 10,000-25,000-word report by the end of their fellowship and to present preliminary findings as well as the final report to the BIG Advisory Board.

**Application procedure:** Please send, as one document, your letter of motivation including the names of three referees, your resume/cv, and up to three recent papers in border studies to Stephanie Gruhlke (BIG Program Manager at [sgruhlke@uvic.ca](mailto:sgruhlke@uvic.ca) with “UVIC BIG Fellowship” in subject line.

**Deadline: review will start February 15 and continue until fellowships are filled.**

Further information on the program can be found at [www.biglobalization.org](http://www.biglobalization.org). If you have any questions about the fellowship or the application process, email [sgruhlke@uvic.ca](mailto:sgruhlke@uvic.ca).

