

# Scholarship in Co-operative Governance



The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS), the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives (CSC), and the Co-operative Retailing System

(CRS) Chair in Co-operative Governance are pleased to invite applications for a scholarship in co-operative governance. The purpose of the scholarship is to attract and recruit high-calibre students to undertake thesis research on a topic related to co-operative governance. The scholarship will be offered to students who have an outstanding academic record (minimum of 85% (or first-class standing) over the last two years of study (for students with a master's degree, the average is calculated for their master's degree), show excellent research promise, and are registering for the first time in either the Master of Public Policy (MPP) or the PhD in Public Policy program at the JSGS University of Saskatchewan campus.

Successful applicants must demonstrate a real interest in governance generally and the governance of co-operatives specifically, and be active participants in the governance research groups in the JSGS and the CSC. Scholarship holders will be given the opportunity to author or co-author journal

articles or CSC publications, give invited CSC seminars, and be active participants in community engagement and/or co-op sector meetings. See <http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/research/areas-of-research-priority/governance.php> for details on the governance research area at the JSGS.

The scholarship provides funding for PhD students for up to three years at one of two levels — \$23,000 per year or \$30,000 per year — and for MPP students at \$20,000 for 16 months. Successful candidates will be required to participate in national funding competitions for which they are eligible (e.g., SSHRC). Depending on the qualifications of the applicants, more than one scholarship may be offered.

Governance research at the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives is currently focused on the political economy of co-operative governance, the governance of co-operative federations, the role of governance in precipitating demutualization, and the importance of governance in co-operative development. For details on the Centre and its governance research, see <http://usaskstudies.coop/>.

The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives is an interdisciplinary teaching and research centre dedicated to understanding co-operatives and to developing them as solutions to the economic and social needs of communities. The Centre is

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supported financially by major provincial and national co-operatives and the University of Saskatchewan. The CRS Chair in Co-operative Governance, held by the director of the Centre, supports leading edge research into co-operative governance, an area that is currently receiving a great deal of attention in the academic literature, in boardrooms and executive offices, and in policy circles. The chair is supported financially by the Co-operative Retailing System in western Canada.

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is one of Canada's leading policy schools for educating graduate students and public servants interested in and devoted to advancing public value (see <http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/> for details).

To apply for the scholarship, apply first to either the Master of Public Policy or the PhD in Public Policy program in the JSGS (see <http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/admission/saskatoon.php> for details). In addition to the materials required for

admission to these programs, scholarship applicants must indicate that they wish to apply for the scholarship and must provide a two- to three-page document describing the governance challenges facing co-operatives today or contemporary challenges in organizational governance that are relevant to co-operatives. This document should outline some of the key research questions in the area of governance and some ideas of how these questions could be pursued.

Review of applications will begin after 1 March 2016 and continue until the funding is allocated.

For further details on the scholarship, please contact Audra Krueger at [audra.krueger@usask.ca](mailto:audra.krueger@usask.ca).

For information on other scholarships offered by the JSGS or the CSC, please visit the websites at [www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca](http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca) or [usaskstudies.coop/student%20portal/scholarships-and-bursaries.php](http://usaskstudies.coop/student%20portal/scholarships-and-bursaries.php).