Master of Arts in Urban Studies (Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies) at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan

The University of British Columbia, Okanagan, is accepting applications for its MA in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies in Urban Studies. **One funded position is available as part of the project “Cities and Regions in Transition after World War II: the case of Rijeka/Fiume,” funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.**

UBC Okanagan campus is located in Kelowna, a growing city in the province’s beautiful Okanagan Valley, home to dozens of award-winning wineries and exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities.

The Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies in Urban Studies is a two-year program which approaches the study of cities through history, sociology, geography, economics and other disciplines. The objective of the program is to understand the challenges facing urban areas around the world and the interconnections between cities and the regions in which they are embedded. Students develop a strong theoretical background in a first year of coursework, and pursue research in their second year. This program provides an excellent foundation to pursue doctoral studies in the students’ field of choice.

“Cities and Regions in Transition after World War II: the case of Rijeka/Fiume” is a collaborative project between the University of British Columbia (Canada) and the University of Rijeka (Croatia). The aim of the project is to examine the changes that took place in the city of Rijeka as a result of its transition from Italian to Yugoslav control during and after the Second World War. This case study will provide a starting point for a larger comparative project examining the various cities and regions that transitioned from one state to another during and after the Second World War.

The “Rijeka/Fiume” project will fund one research assistantship for an MA student for two years, equivalent to $11,461 per year. The research assistant will assist the project leader in preparing a field trip to Rijeka in the summer of 2016, and will assist the project leader during that field trip, while conducting their own research project. Subsequently, their duties will include helping to apply for grants, prepare a conference, and disseminate the results of the research project. Candidates applying for the position in the “Rijeka/Fiume” project should preferably have a working knowledge of either Croatian or Italian.

**The deadline to apply is January 31, 2014.**

For more information, or if you are interested in applying, please contact Dr. Brigitte Le Normand at brigitte.lenormand@ubc.ca

For more information on the Urban Studies program: [http://urbanstudies.ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html](http://urbanstudies.ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html)

For more information on Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (including information on tuition and online application): [http://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/prospective/grad-programs/igs.html](http://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/prospective/grad-programs/igs.html)

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