Fully-funded Master's opportunities at University of Regina and York University on digitalization, financialization and consolidation in the Canadian food system

Are you interested in pursuing a graduate degree? Do you have a passion for agriculture, food systems, geography and rural studies, and/or science and technology studies? If so, please read this recruitment flyer and feel free to reach out with any questions!

The Research: We are seeking **highly motivated graduate students** who want to complete a social science Master's degree and are interested in conducting research related to **digitalization, financialization, and consolidation** in the agrifood sector in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

The research will contribute to a multi-year SSHRC project, led by André Magnan (University of Regina), Sarah Rotz (York University), and Annette Aurélie Desmarais (University of Manitoba), examining three intersecting processes:
1. **Digitalization**: the growing importance of digital technologies such as satellite and drone imaging, GPS-guided machinery, robotics and Big Data in agriculture
2. **Financialization**: the increasing influence of financial actors and logics in the agricultural sector
3. **Consolidation**: the increasing concentration of farmland and other agricultural resources into fewer hands.

The Funding: The successful applicants will receive a stipend of $20,500/year plus research expenses to conduct fieldwork in Saskatchewan or Ontario. Students are encouraged to pursue additional sources of funding, including scholarships and TAships.

The Opportunities: The research will form the basis of the student's thesis. As members of the project team, graduate students will have opportunities to collaborate with other researchers, present their work in seminars/workshops, and publish in newspapers/magazines and peer-reviewed journals. Students will be trained in project management, social science research methods, and knowledge mobilization.

How to apply: Applicants should email their queries, including a CV, and a letter of interest explaining their interest in digital technologies, rural development, and/or farming to the researchers listed below. Please note that we will consider start dates of Fall 2025 or 2026. **Students currently enrolled in a Master's program are invited to apply.**

Applicants wishing to study at **York University** will be supervised by Dr. Sarah Rotz (Environmental and Urban Change). Depending on your interests, you may complete a Master's in [Environmental Studies](), [Geography](), or [Science and Technology Studies](). Please contact her at [rotzs@yorku.ca]()

Applicants interested in studying at the **University of Regina** will be supervised by Dr. André Magnan Sociology and Social Studies). You may complete your MA in either [Sociology or Social Studies](), depending on their interests and background. Please contact him at [andre.magnan@uregina.ca]()

Deadline:
Applicants should apply by May 15th, but later applications will be considered if the positions remain unfilled.