Cited Graduate Project Assistant on Global Environmental Politics and Policy

JOB & PROJECT SUMMARY

We are looking for a graduate student to join the *Cited Podcast* team to help us create a radio and podcast mini-series that tells the story of the liberal environmental policy consensus. Since the 1970s, governments have increasingly sought to address environmental problems---including biodiversity loss, global warming, and pollution---using approaches compatible with economic growth within predominantly capitalist markets and states. These solutions often rely on heavy doses of science, technology and price signals to try to improve environmental outcomes. Our project examines the successes and failures of these policies, as well as possible alternatives. The series is made in partnership with *Cited Podcast,* an award-winning program about the politics of research and expertise. Over the life of the project, we will release 4 episodes, and will reach wide national and international audiences.

We are looking for one UBC graduate student, at any level or year, to provide research and project support. Ideally, the student would work with us starting in July, throughout the summer and into the fall for approximately 300 hours. However, we have some flexibility on start and end dates. If you are interested, please email Gordon Katic, gordon.katic@ubc.ca, by June 24th, with a brief cover letter/statement of interest and experience, and a CV.

KEY DUTIES

* Conduct background scholarly research, in the form of informal literature reviews, to help generate ideas for podcasts and ultimately shape audio documentaries that reach mass national and international audiences.
* Conduct background journalistic research, including: identifying possible interviewees (academic and non-academic), sourcing multimedia content (including library, newspaper, and television archives), conducting public records requests (planning documents, FOIA, etc.), and other possible tasks.
* Synthesize/compile this background scholarly and journalistic research into accessible online blog posts for popular consumption.
* Provide logistical support, including scheduling interviews.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

* You will receive direct research supervision and mentorship from two geography professors.
* You will also work closely with *Cited Podcast* and their larger team.

QUALIFICATIONS

* A current UBC graduate student (any level, year, status).
* Preference will be given to students with direct scholarly interests in the politics and/or policies surrounding climate change, biodiversity loss and/or other environmental issues.
* Interest and familiarity with current affairs, especially global environmental policy, a strong asset.
* Strong scholarly and research background a must, with an ability to conduct multidisciplinary research.
* Strong interpersonal skills a must, with an ability to communicate clearly and professionally with diverse people inside and outside academia, including: leading scholars, practioners, community members, and others.
* Ability to work relatively independently, but still have the ability/initiative to proactively seek the advice of others on the team.
* Interest or competency in journalism/broadcast an asset, but not required.

SKILLS ACQUIRED/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* Students will receive a unique opportunity to participate in a leading journalistic knowledge mobilization project, with millions of listeners, and major journalistic partners (CBC Radio, and others). This opportunity will increase their public profile and position them for future opportunities in public scholarship and knowledge mobilization.
* New skills in journalistic research and investigation, including interviewing, sourcing public records, and more.
* Strengthened interdisciplinary research practices.
* Invaluable networking opportunities with scholars in the geography and related fields.

COMPENSATION

* $25/hr for about 300 hours.

Further Details:

* The appointment will be made at the UBC Department of Geography
* The work will take place mostly at the offices of *Cited Podcast*, which are at UBC Michael Smith Labs.
* For further information about the project, visit [citedpodcast.com](http://citedpodcast.com/).