

Policy Brief Funding

The Governance Team has funding to support the completion of three policy briefs, for a total funding of \$3,000 with \$1,000 per policy brief. The policy brief must relate to one of the Governance Team's Research Themes listed below:

Research Themes
<p>Governance and Policy Development Policy development processes and social, political, and psychological components of community engagement and mobilization. This theme also includes community engagement as it relates to governance practice as well as governance structures and collaborations.</p>
<p>Environmental Issues This includes governance components of environmental issues such as rural water and watersheds and climate change adaptation.</p>
<p>Food, Health, and Prosperity Focusing on governance considerations within agro-food systems management, food losses and waste, food security and safety, food policy.</p>

Through building upon the research from RPLC team members and others, Governance Policy Briefs are intended to inform current policy design and application. Policy briefs will be shared as recommendations from the RPLC Governance Team with relevant government offices.

Promotion of Competition: Dec 22, 2016-January 30, 2017

Application Deadline: February 1, 2017

Application Deliberations: February 6-February 17, 2017

Funding Announcement: February 20, 2017

Deliverables Due: December 20, 2017

**Applicants must be a member of the Governance Research Team. You can join the governance team by contacting Sarah Minnes directly (sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca)*

Graduate student team members are encouraged to submit a short (1-2 paragraph) description and justification of the policy brief they would produce and their proposed format for the policy brief, as well as their CV by February 1, 2017.

Submissions can be sent to sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca and include "Governance Policy Brief" in the subject line. The following criteria will be used by the selection committee to adjudicate funding applications:

- Policy brief aligns with at least one of the Governance Team's research themes
- Justification for the policy brief aligns with the Governance Team mission statement (see the Governance Team work plan for this: <http://rplc-capr.ca/about-the-network/themes/governance/>)
- Topic is relevant and advances policy in the area of rural governance
- Preference will be given to policy briefs regarding the following topics:
 - Food policy and/or food and energy issues

- Food system policies and practices that bolster agricultural and rural well-being. This could consider rural and regional resiliency, vibrancy, sustainability, and prosperity
- Policies and governance for source water protection for unserved areas
- Governance and renewable energy for rural community development

The following factors will be considered regarding the applicant:

- Applicant is a current graduate student in a relevant discipline
- Experience gathering, synthesizing, and summarizing information for decision makers and the public
- Experience writing literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, policy briefs, and/or other products
- Ability to work independently, think critically, and offer concise findings
- Direct research and/or professional experience related to the topic would be considered an asset