



RECRUITING GRADUATE STUDENTS TO GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMS AT LAURIER (MES, MSC, PHD)

NORTHERN AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS RESEARCH

The [Northern Sustainable Food System Research Group](#), is looking for exceptional candidates to support ongoing northern agriculture, agroecology, and food systems research as part of their graduate studies. Students will support ongoing community-based research in the NWT through various projects to address critical issues related to sustainable food systems and food security in the NWT at both community and regional scales.

PROJECTS

Northern Agriculture Futures (NAF) is an ongoing project led by Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation . The research team works with communities in the NWT to envision and realize a future for agricultural development that meets the needs of communities without negatively impacting the health of the lands or waters on which traditional food systems depend.

The Future Harvest Partnership is a newly awarded multi-year collaboration between WLU, government partners and local communities in the Northwest Territories to co-create research and generate useful insights for innovation and policy that can inform the development of a climate-resilient local food system.

The Food Learning and Growing (FLOW) Partnership aims to advance sustainable food system transformation at the regional scale. The Partnership involves eight regional research teams including the NWT. Each region will track specific practices over 5 years to understand how social, ecological and economic factors impact regional food system transformation.



ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

For the MES/MSc programs:

- Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, Geography, or a related discipline is needed. However, accommodations may be made for exceptional candidates who do not fulfill the educational requirements for the Master's program.
- Learn more about the Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program at Laurier [here](#).
- Learn more about the Master of Science in Geography (MSc) at Laurier [here](#).

For the PhD program:

- Master's degree in Environmental Studies, Geography or a related discipline is required.
- Strong interest in sustainability, agricultural and food systems is required.
- Knowledge of Participatory Action Research methodology, digital story telling and GIS mapping tools are assets.
- Experience working in Canada's North and/or in agricultural production is also an asset.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are also strongly desired.
- Learn more about the PhD program at Laurier [here](#).

Programs start September 2025, but interested applicants can complete a Research Assistantship during Summer 2025 prior to program entry.

Candidates are required to spend time in a northern community as part of their graduate program.

To apply, please send a letter of interest, a full CV, unofficial transcript(s), and the names of two references via email to Dr. Andrew Spring (aspring@wlu.ca). Informal inquiries are welcome.

