



### **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Work, Education, and Francophone Postsecondary Students**

Laurentian University's School of Social Sciences welcomes applications for a postdoctoral fellow. The successful candidate will collaborate on a funded research project focused on youth, work, education, and francophone postsecondary students. They will work under the direction of Dr. Leslie Nichols, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Sciences, for the duration of the one-year appointment. This position is expected to begin in the winter of 2026.

Candidates must have completed a PhD degree by the start date of the appointment. The successful candidate will possess the following essential qualifications:

- PhD degree in Labour Studies; Sociology; Child and Youth Studies; Political Science; Education; or related fields.
- Excellent oral and written French and fluency in English.
- Excellent understanding of qualitative research methodologies, including interviews, focus groups, and data analysis. An excellent knowledge of quantitative research methodologies is an asset.
- Evidence of relevant research and scholarship, with the potential to collaborate with colleagues and build interdisciplinary or intersectoral collaborations within and outside the university.
- Applications should state the capacity to work on-site, hybrid or remote.

The School of Social Sciences offers programs in English and French. Apart from undergraduate programs in Criminology; Economics; Equity, Diversity and Human Rights; Gerontology; Psychology; and Sociology; the School offers an interdisciplinary MA in Relational Studies and a PhD in Human Studies and Interdisciplinarity.

Laurentian University, located on Atikameksheng Anishnawbek territory in Sudbury, Ontario, serves over 8000 students and is one of two bilingual universities in the province of Ontario. Committed to its bilingual, tricultural mandate, Laurentian University offers an outstanding university experience in English and French with a comprehensive approach to Indigenous education. Laurentian's beautiful, forested campus is surrounded by fresh-water lakes, conservation lands and hundreds of kilometres of cross-country and hiking trails while situated in the geographic centre of Greater Sudbury, northern Ontario's major urban centre (population 166,000). Laurentian University has close and productive ties to Science North, SNOLAB, Health Sciences North and multiple post-secondary institutions.

### **Application Requirements**

A complete application includes the following:

- A cover letter
- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.
- A statement of current and prospective research interests.
- A sample of sole-authored academic writing (i.e., a journal article, book chapter, or PhD dissertation chapter) in French. Additional samples written in English can supplement the application.
- The names and contact information for three academic references.

The application package, inclusive of all documents, should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to: Dr. Leslie Nichols, Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences at [lnichols2@laurentian.ca](mailto:lnichols2@laurentian.ca) with the following subject line: Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowship in Work, Education, and Francophone Postsecondary Students. The deadline for receipt of applications is January 7, 2026, or until the position is filled.