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# Mobilizing Justice Partnership JOB POSTING – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Area of Research: Transportation / Planning / Equity / Research Coordination

# **Overview of the Position:**

The **Mobilizing Justice Partnership** is a research project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada and led by Dr. Steven Farber. The research is intended to provide scholars, planning professionals, municipalities, transportation providers, advocates and other stakeholders with critical evidence and tools to better understand and address the needs of individuals facing transport poverty. The project is based within the Department of Human Geography at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) and is collaboratively governed by over 40 academic and non-academic partners. More information about Mobilizing Justice can be found in <u>here</u>.

We are seeking a single candidate for a **two-year term** to join the partnership as a **Research Coordinator**. The successful candidate will join the leadership team of the Mobilizing Justice Partnership to contribute to the strategic and operational management of the initiative. They will collaborate with, and liaise between, research teams, assist in developing partnerships and public engagements, and create student supports and embedded training opportunities. The successful candidate will play a pivotal role in coordinating research activities and ensuring seamless communication among the project's researchers and partners. Responsibilities include assisting project teams with data collection and analysis, preparing synthesizing reports across project outputs, preparing and delivering presentations on behalf of the network to partner organization, practitioner communities, and other interested parties. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in transportation justice research, excellent organizational, time management, and multitasking abilities, and the capability to work collaboratively in an academic setting. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to impactful research aimed at promoting social equity and research capacity within our community.

The postdoctoral fellow will have office space at the University of Toronto Scarborough campus, will have opportunities to collaborate with interdisciplinary transportation researchers in multiple departments across the tri-campus University of Toronto, and may affiliate themselves with the <u>Spatial Analysis of Urban Systems</u> (SAUSy) Lab, the <u>Mobility Network</u> and the <u>School of Cities</u>. The University of Toronto is a globally ranked research university that offers <u>postdoctoral fellows</u> the highest levels of opportunity for professional and scholarly training, network development, and the opportunity to engage with stakeholders throughout the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.



# **Description of Duties:**

The successful candidate will act as a Research Coordinator, conducting primary research in one or more Mobilizing Justice working groups and will contribute to journal articles and conference presentations. The Research Coordinator will play a vital role in supporting the knowledge transfer and mobilization efforts through strategic partnership engagement. The successful candidate will facilitate communication and collaboration among project working groups, community partners, industry stakeholders, and government entities, ensuring seamless research coordination. Additionally, they will assist in the development of partnered undergraduate student research and co-op opportunities, participate in collaborative grant writing to secure funding, and promote engagement and knowledge exchange. Responsibilities will also include supporting the partnership with data management and ethics boards applications, reporting to support research objectives and funding requirements, and preparing reports and presentations to disseminate research findings and project updates.

# **Required qualifications:**

- PhD degree in planning, geography, civil engineering, or related field awarded within the past 5 years;
- Extensive knowledge of transportation planning, transport equity, public transportation, emerging transportation technologies, and active transportation;
- Demonstrated experience in quantitative analysis, GIS and network analysis, or travel behaviour modelling;
- Demonstrated experience in community engaged and partnered research;
- Excellent written and oral communication in English;
- Excellent personal time management, project management and organizational skills.

Salary: \$70,000/ year + conference travel + benefits + 15 days of vacation

Please note that should the minimum rates stipulated in the collective agreement fall below the rates stated in this posting, the minimum rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.

# **Application instructions:**

All individuals interested in this position must **submit a cover letter and CV** to Steven Farber (steven.farber@utoronto.ca) by August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Please email materials in a single PDF with the subject line: **Mobilizing Justice PDF Application**.

Closing date: Screening of applications will commence on August  $2^{nd}$  and continue until the position is filled.

Supervisor: Prof. Steven Farber

**Expected start date:** September 3<sup>rd</sup> or as soon as possible.

Term: 2 years

FTE: 1 Full-time equivalent

The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a full-time postdoctoral fellow (pro-rated



for those holding a partial appointment) recognizing that the needs of the employee's research and training and the needs of the supervisor's research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee's duties and hours of work.

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The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.