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Opportunity for graduate students to conduct research with a focus on rural development and rural community issues

Would an analysis of Statistics Canada data help with your thesis? Would this analysis be publishable as a *Statistics Canada Agriculture and Rural Working Paper* or as a *Rural and Small Town Canada Analysis Bulletin*? If yes, please read further.

We would be willing to hire you as a **temporary employee** to write a research report for us with the understanding that this would contribute to your thesis. And while you are in Ottawa, you can **check out the excellent employment opportunities** within Statistics Canada.

This opportunity is for students who want to access Statistics Canada **micro-data** (which cannot be accessed from outside Statistics Canada) as well as for students who wish to use data from the **Community Database** of the Agriculture Division (a database with community level socio-economic data from the Census of Population 1981 to 2001 and currently being updated to 2006).

What you should do

The first step is to **contact us** to discuss the availability of data for your research and the possibilities of writing a working paper or a bulletin. A subsequent step will be to **write a concise research proposal** (a template will be provided upon request).

You should submit the proposal **at least one full semester in advance** of your suggested starting date.

What we will do

The proposal will be **reviewed by an internal committee** at Statistics Canada and the result of the review will be communicated to you.

Proposals for collaboration will be **selected based on an interview and the pertinence of the topic**. We expect to be able to develop no more than two research collaborations per academic semester. If you are selected, you will become a temporary employee of Statistics Canada and have the same rights and obligations as an employee.

Prior to sharing with people outside Statistics Canada, the research will be subject to both an internal Statistics Canada review which involves a review of the research as it applies to the policies of the *University Research Partnership Program*, *Researcher Agreement of the Agriculture Division*, *Statistics Canada*, and a review of the confidentiality of the data for publication.

To discuss this opportunity, please contact:

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