



**Researching South Asian farmers in Canada
Funded MA Study Opportunity in Sociology, Public Issues in Anthropology and the
Collaborative Development Studies**

Research funding is available for two students as part of a two-year MA in Sociology or Public Issues in Anthropology (with the option of the collaborative Development Studies program) at the University of Guelph to undertake research on a topic related to racialized farmers particularly south Asian farmers in Canada beginning in Fall 2024.

The global phenomenon of an ageing farming population, poor returns on farming in the current economic paradigm and an apparent lack of interest among youth in agrarian and rural futures have attracted considerable attention among policy makers and researchers. Canada is no exception. With a large and growing proportion of racialized immigrant population, we know little about the extent of their involvement and their lived experiences in farming.

Prospective graduate students interested in studying racialized farmers' lived experiences in the Canadian context attentive to gender, generation and race are invited to apply. A competitive funding package from the department including up to \$5000 as research funding is available for the right student. Applicants will be expected to have prior coursework or work/ research experience related to gender issues. Prior field experience and familiarity with rural Canada, mixed methods of data collection and analysis are desirable.

Interested candidates should please email a cover letter explaining their motivation and include names of three references, CV, a 250-word research design outlining their research idea, and an unofficial transcript to: Dr. Sharada Srinivasan (sharada@uoguelph.ca) by 21 December 2023. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed by the first week of January 2024. Applications will be reviewed until suitable students are identified. Admission is subject to the approval of the relevant graduate admissions committee(s).

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