

## JOB POSTING

**Title:** Energy Justice Postdoctoral Fellow

**Affiliation:** Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada

**Application Deadline:** June 7, 2022

### Overview:

Dr. Laura Tozer at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) is seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow to conduct research on energy justice, energy efficiency, building retrofits, energy poverty, and urban just transitions. The Fellow will be affiliated with the [Urban Just Transitions Cluster](#) and the [Climate and Energy Governance Lab](#) at the University of Toronto Scarborough. The Urban Just Transitions Cluster takes a community based research approach that centres on relationship building and resourcing non-academic partners pursuing urban just transitions for their communities in Scarborough. Our aim is to further our understanding of how urban just transitions are unfolding and how to accelerate the transition to zero carbon economies, societies, and energy systems without exacerbating existing inequalities. The Urban Just Transitions Cluster at UTSC is a pillar of the new [Climate Positive Energy Initiative](#) at the University of Toronto.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will work on a community-based research project focused on catalyzing equity-oriented electrification and efficiency retrofits for residential buildings in Toronto. Working with organizations at the intersection of energy justice and housing, the research aims to help strengthen the coalition of support for energy retrofit policies and programs directed at households experiencing energy poverty, while building our understanding of how to meet the energy needs of these households.

This position offers an excellent opportunity to pursue independent as well as collaborative research, strengthen skills, and lead and co-author papers. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with a transdisciplinary team of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty members, and community partners from diverse backgrounds. We are strongly committed to diversity and intentional inclusion and encourage applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2S+ persons.

**Salary:** \$70,000 per year including benefits. The initial appointment is for one year, with an opportunity for extension based on performance, need, and availability of funds.

### Qualifications:

1. Candidates must have an awarded PhD or near completion in Geography, Environmental Studies, Sociology, Political Science, or another relevant field (note that completion does

not mean convocation, but rather the satisfaction of all the requirements necessary for graduation).

2. Candidates should have expertise in social science aspects of energy and justice, as well as political, social, cultural transformations to address the climate crisis and inequality.
3. Candidates should have strong writing skills and will be expected to contribute to high quality publications, grant applications, and outreach materials.
4. Prior experience in interdisciplinary and community-based or transdisciplinary research environments is a significant asset.
5. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

**Application:**

Candidates interested in this position must submit the following to [laura.tozer@utoronto.ca](mailto:laura.tozer@utoronto.ca).

1. **Cover letter** summarizing your experience and career goals, research interests and agenda related to the postdoctoral position, and anticipated start date.
2. A **CV**
3. **List of references** (not reference letters)

**Expected start date:** Summer 2022

**Term:** One year (with the possibility of extension)

**Supervisor:**

Dr. Laura Tozer, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, UTSC