



Konrad Adenauer Research Chair
in Empirical Democracy Studies
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Call for Applications: Postdoctoral Researcher in Political Behavior

Position: Postdoctoral Researcher (1 Year, with possibility of renewal)

Field: Political Behavior / Empirical Democracy Studies

Institution: Konrad Adenauer Research Chair in Empirical Democracy Studies, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

Supervisor: Professor Daniel Stockemer

Anticipated Start Date: September 1, 2025 (flexible)

Application Deadline: May 15, 2025

Position Overview:

The Konrad Adenauer Chair in Empirical Democracy Studies at the University of Ottawa invites applications for a full-time postdoctoral researcher position for one year, with the potential for a one-year renewal based on performance and funding availability.

The successful candidate will join a dynamic research environment and engage in collaborative research with the Chairholder, Professor Daniel Stockemer, and other members of the Chair. The position offers opportunities to contribute to cutting-edge research, gain teaching experience, and further develop your academic profile.

Responsibilities:

- **Collaborative Research:** Actively participate in joint research projects. Potential research areas include (but are not limited to):
 - The impact of misinformation in electoral campaigns on political outcomes;
 - The determinants and consequences of youth political representation; and
 - The study of populist leaders/parties in power (with a focus on the United States).
- **Independent Research:** While collaboration is key, the selected fellow will have time to conduct and develop their own research projects.
- **Dissemination:** Contribute to the preparation of manuscripts for publication in leading peer-reviewed journals and present research at academic conferences.
- **Teaching (optional):** Opportunity to teach the fourth-year undergraduate course “Elections, Parties & Public Opinion” at the School of Political Studies during the Spring 2026 term.

Qualifications Required:

- A completed Ph.D. (or defense scheduled before the start date) in Political Science or a closely related field, with a specialization relevant to political behavior.
- A strong doctoral dissertation demonstrating research potential in political behavior.
- Demonstrated expertise in advanced quantitative research methods (e.g., causal inference, experimental design, survey analysis, advanced regression techniques).
- Proficiency with quantitative analysis software (e.g., R and/or Stata).
- Excellent communication skills and fluency in English (written and spoken).
- Evidence of research productivity appropriate to career stage (e.g., publications, working papers, conference presentations).

Compensation and Benefits:

- **Salary:** CAD \$60,000 per annum with teaching (one course)
- **Benefits:** Health benefits will be provided in accordance with the University of Ottawa's policies on postdoctoral researchers.

About the Chair and University:

- The Konrad Adenauer Chair in Empirical Democracy Studies focuses on key challenges of contemporary democracies including those shaping Germany and Canada. Using methodological pluralism, the chair tries to contribute to knowledge in the field of populism, electoral studies, public opinion research and political representation.
- The University of Ottawa is the largest bilingual (English and French) university in the world, located in the heart of Canada's capital. The School of Political Studies offers a vibrant academic environment with leading researchers across various subfields.

Application Process:

Interested candidates are invited to submit the following materials as **a single PDF document** via email to Professor Daniel Stockemer (dstockem@uottawa.ca) by **May 15, 2025**:

1. **Cover Letter:** Outlining your qualifications, research interests (specifically addressing fit with the outlined research topics), relevant experience, and motivation for applying to this position at the Chair.
2. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Including a list of publications, conference presentations, and any relevant awards or grants.
3. **Writing Sample:** A representative sample of your scholarly writing (e.g., a published article, a submitted manuscript, or a dissertation chapter).
4. **Contact Information for Two (2) Academic Referees:** Please provide names, affiliations, and email addresses. Letters of recommendation will be solicited directly from the referees for shortlisted candidates.