

**Student Research Assistant
Co-operatives, Community and Social Cohesion
Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan**

The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives is seeking a student to assist with a research project exploring co-operative membership and changing community boundaries. The main focus of this summer project will involve the research and writing of a series of community and co-operative case studies, dealing with the historical, economic, and social trends in regional and local communities and enterprises. The project is part of a research proposal recently approved for funding through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The larger project, *Co-operative Membership and Globalization: Creating Social Cohesion through Market Relations*, will examine the relationship between social cohesion and co-operative membership in a variety of settings.

Successful applicants must have excellent research, analytical, and communication skills, both oral and written. The candidate must be able to work independently, follow timelines and meet project expectations. Experience with case study research and composition would be an asset as would a familiarity with co-operative organizations. A background in social sciences, particularly geography and sociology would be valuable.

This full-time position is open to current or prospective graduate students with the University of Saskatchewan. The position will run for a period of four months from May to August. Rates of pay will be according to university student-assistant salary schedules.

The work will be supervised by Dr Brett Fairbairn, Professor of History and Director of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, in consultation with key grant co-investigators and the grant project manager.

Please submit applications marked "Co-operatives, Community and Social Cohesion" by April 28, 2003 to the attention of:

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Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives is an interdisciplinary teaching and research centre at the University of Saskatchewan. The objectives of the Centre are: to develop and offer university courses that provide an understanding of co-operative theory, principles, development, structures, and legislation; to undertake original research into co-operatives; to publish co-operative research, both that of Centre staff and that of other researchers; and to maintain a resource centre of co-operative materials that supports the Centre's teaching and research functions. For more information about the staff and current research endeavours of the Centre, including additional details about the SSHRC grant, *Co-operative Membership and Globalization: Creating Social Cohesion through Market Relations*, please refer to our web site: <http://coop-studies.usask.ca>