



GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Globalization and Restructuring of City-Regions**
- **The Dynamics of Innovation, Competition, and Cluster Development in Canadian Industries**

Dr. Betsy Donald and Dr. John Holmes in the Department of Geography at Queen's University have recently been awarded funding for research projects which require assistance from graduate students with an interest in globalization, urbanization, economic development, and industrial cluster development. Both are interested in attracting new well-qualified graduate students (either M.A. or Ph.D.) to work on topics related to these projects.

Dr. Donald has two projects: the first examines the restructuring of North American city-regions in a global age, looking specifically at competitive dynamics and quality of life in Toronto and Boston. The second SSHRC-funded project, scheduled to commence in the winter of 2003, is a three-year study examining innovation, cultural dynamics, and cluster development in Ontario's food and beverage industry.

Dr. Holmes also has two projects (both in collaboration with Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Queen's School of Industrial Relations): the first focuses on competitive dynamics within the Canadian automotive parts industry and is jointly funded by the Centre for Automotive Materials and Manufacturing (www.camm.queensu.ca) and the *Auto21* Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program (www.cronus.uwindsor.ca/auto21) and the second, scheduled to commence in the summer of 2002, is a three-year cluster study of the automotive parts industry in southern Ontario.

The cluster projects that Dr. Holmes and Dr. Donald are working on are both part of a 5-year \$2.5 million study funded by SSHRC's Major Collaborative Research Initiative "Innovation Systems and Economic Development: The Role of Local and Regional Clusters in Canada" (www.utoronto.ca/ism/clusters.htm). This project affords outstanding research and networking opportunities for graduate students. Graduate students will have the opportunity to work with other talented graduate students across Canada and meet leading policy specialists and academics in the social sciences and humanities.

Students interested in exploring these opportunities further are encouraged to contact either Dr. Holmes (holmesj@post.queensu.ca) or Dr. Donald (bd5@qsilver.queensu.ca) as soon as possible, especially if planning to enter the graduate program in September 2002. Students accepted into the Queen's Graduate Geography Program are guaranteed a minimum level of funding through a combination of a Teaching/ Research Assistantship and/or a Fellowship/ Scholarship or Queen's Graduate Award. The minimum funding guarantee for a 2 year masters student is \$13,500/year. The minimum funding guarantee for a 4 year doctoral student is \$17,500/year. Further to this base funding, Dr. Holmes and Dr. Donald have research funds for additional summer support starting at \$4,500 per year. More information on the Queen's Geography Department can be found at <http://geog.queensu.ca/>