



# Graduate scholarships and postdoctoral fellowship in design

The Université de Montréal's research team **PeX - Politics of user-experience in public services**, calls for applications from high-level researchers, as well as from apprentice researchers who wish to explore the issues raised by the adoption of experience-based design in the development of community services.

The **Politics of user-experience in public services** project examines the contributions, limitations, and conditions for successful user-centered design practices in community services. This research project revolves around the experimental implementation of social design experiments with public partners, including Montréal and Québec City's public libraries. The research design consists of five components (scoping review of the concept of codesign, self-ethnography of practices, comparative study of methods, a survey of organizational transformations, life stories of target users) spread over three years (2017- 2020). Implementation of this project requires the establishment of a research team whose members will have undergone a graduate diploma under the supervision of one of the principal investigators of the project.

#### Available Positions

- Postdoctoral fellowship
- Ph.D. scholarship
- Master scholarship

#### Principal investigators authorized to conduct research in this project are :

- Philippe Gauthier (team's director), École de design, Université de Montréal
- Christophe Abrassart, École de design, Université de Montréal
- Johanne Brochu, ESAD, Université Laval
- Audrey Laplante, EBSI, Université de Montréal
- Marie D. Martel, EBSI, Université de Montréal
- Sébastien Proulx, Department of Design, The Ohio State University



## Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

*(Annual, Part-Time Position, Renewable)*

This offer is intended for experienced researchers who wish to undertake a postdoctoral fellowship under the supervision of the Director of the team **PeX - Politics of user-experience in public services**. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or a Doctorate in one of the design disciplines or a Ph.D. or Doctorate in a discipline deemed relevant and demonstrating excellent knowledge of design disciplines. In addition to participating in the production of knowledge in the field concerned by this project (writing articles, participation in colloquiums), the wanted candidates are able to coordinate the work of teams of junior researchers, develop and implement codesign workshops and living labs, as well as develop knowledge transfer mechanisms.

**This part-time fellowship will be paid based on an annual salary of \$33 153.**

### Specific Skills Required

- Capacity for animation of collaborative design workshops
- Demonstrated experience of the empirical tools used in the project
- Knowledge of user-centric design issues
- Knowledge of the issues and techniques of collaborative design
- Knowledge of the concepts of social analysis
- Familiarity with the Wordpress platform
- Ability to use the nVivo software

### General Competencies

- Excellent fluency in French
- Reading ability in English **and** French
- High level of written proficiency in English **or** French

### The application must include:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae and list of up-to-date publications
- Examples of research output (articles, reports, dissertation)
- A letter of support
- Three names of people who can provide a recommendation, including their title and contact information

**Applications must be sent directly to the team's director, Dr. Philippe Gauthier, at the following address: [philippe.gauthier.2@umontreal.ca](mailto:philippe.gauthier.2@umontreal.ca)**

*Details on how to register for postdoctoral fellowship at the Université de Montréal can be found [here](#)*



## Doctoral Scholarship

*(Annual, Part-Time Position, Renewable)*

This offer is intended for young researchers who wish to undertake a Ph. D. within the framework of the project **PeX - Politics of user-experience in public services**. Applicants must have successfully completed a Master's degree in one of the design disciplines (preferably with a thesis), or a Master's degree from another discipline which thesis discusses of a relevant design issue, combined with an initial training in design (Bachelor level). In addition to participating in the production of knowledge in the field concerned by this project (writing articles, participation in colloquiums), the desired candidates are able to develop and implement code-sign workshops and living labs, as well as knowledge transfer mechanisms.

**This scholarship amounts to \$15 000 annually.**

### Condition of grant

To be registered to a Ph. D. program under the supervision of Dr. Philippe Gauthier (team's director) or cosupervision of Philippe Gauthier and one of the principal investigators of the team.

### Specific Skills Required

- Capacity for animation of collaborative design workshops
- Demonstrated experience of the empirical tools used in the project
- Knowledge of user-centric design issues
- Knowledge of the issues and techniques of collaborative design
- Knowledge of the concepts of social analysis
- Familiarity with the Wordpress platform
- Ability to use the nVivo software

### General Competencies

- Excellent fluency in French
- Reading ability in English **and** French
- High level of written proficiency in English **or** French

### The application must include:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae and list of up-to-date publications
- Examples of research output (articles, reports, dissertation)
- A letter of support
- Two names of people who can provide a recommendation, including their title and contact information

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## Master Scholarship

*(Annual, Part-Time Position, Renewable)*

This offer is intended for apprentice researchers who wish to undertake a Master within the framework of the project **PeX - Politics of user-experience in public services**. Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor degree in one of the design disciplines. The candidates wish to participate in the production of knowledge in the field concerned by this project, taking an active part in the implementation of codesign workshops, living labs, and knowledge transfer mechanisms.

**This scholarship amounts to \$10 000 annually.**

### Condition of grant

To be registered to a Master program under the supervision of Dr. Philippe Gauthier (team's director) or cosupervision of Philippe Gauthier and one of the principal investigators of the team.

### Specific Skills Required

- Knowledge of user-centric design issues
- Knowledge of the issues and techniques of collaborative design
- Familiarity with the Wordpress platform

### General Competencies

- Excellent fluency in French
- Reading ability in English **and** French
- High level of written proficiency in English **or** French

### The application must include:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae and list of up-to-date publications
- A letter of support

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