

Working in a Research team

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NRE² BUILDING RURAL CAPACITY IN THE NEW ECONOMY

What do we do?

- What we do
 - Research
 - Administration
 - Knowledge mobilization
- What you can learn?
- How to take advantage of the opportunity
- What we need

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- What do we do?
- Research

What we do: Research

- What are the major changes affecting rural people and communities?
- What are the drivers of those changes?
- How do they affect urban people and communities?
- What does this imply about strategic choices for the future?

What we do: Research

- Literature and document analysis
- Data gathering
- Data preparation
- Analysis
- Collaboration

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- Literature and document analysis
 - Libraries
 - Government documents
 - Local and regional documents
 - Media
- Data gathering
 - Secondary data: Census, GSS, municipal taxes, historical materials
 - Primary data: Field work, interviews (formal and informal), surveys, focus groups
- Data preparation
 - Documentary analysis (NVivo)
 - Coding
 - Transformation of census and survey data
- Analysis
 - Discourse and documentary – themes
 - Statistical: cross-section, longitudinal, multi-level
 - Modelling
- Collaboration
 - Students – Concordia and beyond
 - Faculty – field work, workshops, conferences

What we do: Administration

- Daily and weekly organization
 - Group meetings
 - Employment-related
 - Collaboration
- Special events
 - Meetings of colleagues
 - Workshops
 - Conferences
 - Policy presentations

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- Administration
- Daily and weekly
 - Group meetings (every 2 weeks)
 - What I did; Challenges; Cool things; What I am going to do
 - Employment-related
 - Collaboration
 - Point person and backup
 - Liaison
- Special events
 - Meetings of colleagues
 - Workshops
 - Conferences
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What we do: Knowledge Mobilization

- Team presentations
- Academic articles and presentations
- Community presentations
- Policy presentations
- Document/report production
- Videos
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What you can learn

- Information gathering
- Information organization
- Techniques of analysis
- Substance of the issues considered
- Administrative skills
- Collaboration skills
- Communication skills

An Opportunity

- Take initiative
- Be flexible
- Be curious
- Go beyond your safety zone
- Use your networks

What we (I) look for

- Initiative in a general context
- Skills: organizational, technical, writing, inter-personal
- New ideas
- Curiosity and courage