

Comic Cons MA Research Assistantship (Ottawa)

We are seeking a student researcher to join our research team in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Upon admission to the MA Communication program at Carleton University, the successful candidate will receive a CDN\$12,000 research assistantship, renewable for one year. Funding for project-related travel will also be provided.

The **Comic Cons Research Project** is a partnership between Carleton University, Ryerson University, the University of Calgary, the Ottawa Geek Market, and Toronto Comic Arts Festival. This SSHRC-funded project seeks to understand the organizational field of comic cons, comic art festivals, and related fandom events in North America as an emerging urban media industry.

Based in Ottawa, the student researcher will work with the project's non-academic partners and conduct ethnographic research on convention organizing as a social, cultural, and industrial practice. Training will be provided through coursework, and additional mentorship will be provided by the project's research team. Research data produced will be used by the Project, but may also serve as the basis for the student's thesis work. The successful candidate will have:

- a record of outstanding academic achievement in Communication Studies or related disciplines
- research interests in fan studies, popular culture, and/or media industries
- demonstrated ability to work both independently and in a collaborative environment
- exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail

Carleton University's [Communication and Media Studies](#) program is one of the oldest, largest, and most well-regarded in the country. Our faculty are leading scholars in the field; our curriculum is critical, interdisciplinary, and innovative; and we attract highly engaged graduate students to our master's and doctoral programs. The MA in Communication is a two-year program of study. We support a range of research interests in communication and media studies and emphasize mentorship and support throughout the program.

For inquiries regarding the Comic Cons Research Project, contact project director [Benjamin Woo](#). For inquiries regarding the MA Communication program, contact graduate program supervisor [Dr. Chris Russill](#). The deadline is February 1, 2018. Please indicate in your statement of intent that you wish to be considered for the Comic Cons Research Project research assistantship.