

**2012-2013**

**VALGEN Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Intellectual Property Research  
at the Faculty of Law, McGill University**

A world-renowned university located in Montreal, Canada, McGill University has earned an international reputation for scholarly achievement and scientific discovery. McGill attracts professors and researchers from around the world and top students from more than 150 countries, creating one of the most dynamic and diverse educational environments in North America.

The successful candidate will join the Value Addition Through Genomics and GE<sup>3</sup>LS (VALGEN) project team ([www.valgen.ca](http://www.valgen.ca)) under the supervision of Professor E. Richard Gold in McGill's Faculty of Law. VALGEN is an international research network that responds to the deep governance challenges and opportunities of applied genomics for bioproducts and crops through research and knowledge mobilization on the core issues of intellectual property management, regulation and governance and democratic engagement.

A Postdoctoral Fellowship will be awarded for 1 year to a promising young scholar. The stipend for each fellow is \$45,000 (plus benefits). The Fellowship may be extended depending on performance and availability of funding.

**Eligibility:**

The successful candidate will have an excellent understanding of patent landscaping, but not necessarily detailed legal knowledge. The candidate must also be familiar with empirical methods of analysis. Scholars with various disciplinary backgrounds are encouraged to apply, as discipline is less important than the ability to prepare high quality interdisciplinary research.

Applicants must have received their PhD within 5 years of taking the post and who have completed all PhD degree requirements by April 1, 2012. Those who do not have the PhD in hand at the time of application must include a letter from their Department Chair specifying the date of the defense.

Applicants must have excellent oral and written communication skills in English, superior organizational skills and demonstrated capacity to work independently. Communication skills in French would be an asset but is not a requirement.

**To Apply:**

**There is no application form. The application should include:**

- 1) A full curriculum vitae including three references
- 2) A copy of university graduate and undergraduate transcripts
- 3) A letter from the Department Chair specifying the defense date (if applicable)
- 4) A writing sample, not to exceed 20 pages (extract from the dissertation, published work, or draft of a work in progress)
- 5) A letter of reference from your thesis supervisor commenting specifically on your research and writing skills.

**Submit application to:** Kari Doerksen, Genome Prairie, 101-111 Research Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 3R2 or to [kdoerksen@genomeprairie.ca](mailto:kdoerksen@genomeprairie.ca).

*Applications will be accepted until March 1st, 2012 or until a suitable candidate is found. We appreciate all expressions of interest, however only those candidates whose backgrounds best suit our requirements will be contacted.*