The Border Policy Research Institute (BPRI) offers a Graduate Research Fellowship to support a Huxley College graduate student. A Fellow is intimately involved in the policy research undertaken by the BPRI during a one year period, engaging in tasks such as: field research participation/supervision; analysis of field data and other sources of existing empirical data; drafting of articles; presentation of findings at policy forums and conferences. A Fellow is housed in an office in Canada House and works under the supervision of Dr. Laurie Trautman, Associate Director of the BPRI. A Fellow has flexibility with respect to the amount of financial support provided by the BPRI. At the upper end, a Fellow can receive a full stipend (about $3,800) per quarter for three quarters, as well as half-time employment for 14 weeks (i.e., about $5,300) during the summer. Alternatively, a Fellow may seek a half stipend if he/she has a half T.A. position elsewhere in Huxley. A BPRI fellowship provides no tuition waiver, whereas T.A. positions typically do. A fellowship may be tailored on a quarter-by-quarter basis in order to dovetail with T.A. appointments. While a Fellow’s primary duty is to conduct research on topics chosen by the BPRI, if the Fellow’s thesis research is border related, a full stipend may be provided for one additional quarter to support the Fellow to pursue his/her own thesis research.

About the BPRI
The BPRI is a multi-disciplinary research institute at Western Washington University focused on research that informs policy-makers on matters related to the Canada – U.S. border. The University established the BPRI in 2005 to further its mission of promoting research, academic programs and public programming on critical policy issues affecting the Pacific Northwest region and Canada. To learn more about the BPRI, visit www.wwu.edu/bpri.

Eligibility and Application Instructions
Any student accepted into a graduate program at Huxley College is eligible to apply. The application should be in the form of a cover letter to Dr. Trautman, describing the basis of interest in the fellowship and a resume. Applications should be submitted prior to June, 2016.

Applications and inquiries should be sent to:
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