

***The Towards Equitable Sustainability Transitions (TEST) Lab  
will be welcoming new members to our team starting in May 2026.***

We're looking to onboard 2–3 graduate students and 2–3 undergraduate summer interns. These positions will be fully funded through grants and university graduate student funding packages. All positions are contingent on available funding and successful program admission. The roles will involve Brazil-based fieldwork and collaboration, so fluency in Portuguese is a strong asset. We are also seeking students based at Brazilian universities to support research rooted in communities in Brazil.

**Who are we?** The TEST Lab at Western University focuses on community-directed climate adaptation and ethical sustainability transitions. We work closely with Indigenous and land-based communities in Brazil and Canada. We operate out of the new Fostering Resilience through Audiovisual Media and Engaged Scholarship (FRAMES) Space. Our team is co-directed by Dr. Evan Bowness, Canada Research Chair in Sustainability and Equity, and Mateus Tremembé of the Tremembé da Barra do Mundaú in Brazil, and includes a network of academic, community, and NGO partners.

**Who are we looking for?** In addition to being motivated, responsible, and organized, we're looking for curious, community-minded emerging scholars with:

1. A commitment to community-focused, relational, reflexive, and reparative practice:
  - Supporting Indigenous-led and community-led land stewardship
  - Supporting climate adaptation work defined by community priorities
  - Practicing relational accountability and ethical engagement
2. Interest in political ecology and ecohydrology, including:
  - Qualitative fieldwork (interviews, workshops, photovoice)
  - Using emerging collaborative technologies (including ethical AI)
  - Visual communication and knowledge mobilization (videography, story mapping)
  - Environmental monitoring and modelling (water/climate focus)

Most of the positions will be based at Western University in London, Ontario (primary supervisor: [Dr. Evan Bowness](#)) and one ecohydrology-focused graduate student will likely be based at UBC-O in Kelowna, BC (primary supervisor: [Dr. Magali Nehemy](#)).

**Interested?** We encourage prospective students to read some of our recent papers on this website. If our work resonates, please share a brief note stating:

- Which role you're interested in (MA, PhD, undergrad summer intern) and how your experiences or interests align with what we do
- How you can help our team build a culture of being “*bom de trato*” (a Brazilian phrase describing a commitment to good relationships)

We welcome applicants from diverse positionalities, lived experiences, and academic paths. Please send expressions of interest to [ebowness@uwo.ca](mailto:ebowness@uwo.ca) or use the contact form.