Postdoctoral Research Opportunity

Columbia University recognizes the importance of the co-production of knowledge in climate-related research. We invite applications for a postdoctoral researcher who will focus on advancing our commitment to ethical and informed practices around the co-production of knowledge. We seek early career researchers with expertise in transdisciplinary research across some combination of the following themes: Indigenous knowledge, climate science and/or social science, impact of climate change on communities, co-production of knowledge, science communication.

Candidates from Indigenous and First Nation communities are especially welcome to apply as are candidates with personal or research experience with Indigenous and First Nations communities and organizations.

Housed in the Center for Science and Society, this two-year, grant-funded position is an opportunity to work with scholars and faculty mentors from diverse fields ranging from anthropology, history, ethnomusicology, ecology, journalism, American studies, Native and Indigenous studies, ethnic studies, political science, economics, engineering, earth science and oceanography to document good practices in the ethical co-production of knowledge. The postdoctoral researcher will create a series of annotated bibliographies focused on the co-production of knowledge across several domains, work with researchers across all the Columbia University units to convene a working group on co-production, develop sample syllabi for undergraduate, masters and doctoral courses on co-production, and produce a document that codifies good practices based on this work as well as input from leaders in the successful practice of co-production that can be disseminated widely. The successful candidate will help organize a workshop to this end and will also contribute to a webinar series that introduces the landscape of co-production of knowledge. The candidate will also have opportunities to work on media outreach and developing narratives that can be used for pedagogy and real-world research design.

Eligibility requirements include a Ph.D. in either one of the disciplines listed above or related social, environmental, or climate sciences. The doctorate must be awarded prior to the start of appointment, and candidates must have received their degree within the past five years prior to the start of this appointment. The successful applicant will be appointed in the Center for Science and Society at Columbia University for a total of two years. Appointments will be made at the level of Postdoctoral Research Scholar or Scientist. Renewal for the second year will be based on satisfactory performance.

The search will remain open until the position is filled; however, application review will begin January 31, 2022. The appointment may start as early as spring 2022, but no later than July 1, 2022.
Columbia University benefits accompany this Postdoctoral Research Fellow appointment, please see https://research.columbia.edu/office-postdoctoral-affairs for more information.

Candidates should provide the following: 1) CV, including a list of publications; 2) statement of research interests (no longer than 1000 words); 3) personal statement that includes the candidates science communication and outreach interests as well as brief statement of connection and commitments to community (no longer than 1000 words combined); 4) names and email addresses of at least three references; and 5) writing sample (dissertation, other research publications, or work-in-progress with a suggestion of which chapter(s) would be most appropriate for a committee with members outside the candidate's direct field to read).

Evaluation of applications will continue until the position has been filled. Columbia University values diversity and inclusion, and encourages applications from members of underrepresented minority groups.

To apply, please visit apply.interfolio.com/100653.