PERRY WORLD HOUSE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

TWO POST-DOCTORAL POSITIONS, AY 2017-2018:

IDENTITY AND CONFLICT

The Program on Identity and Conflict, which is joint with the School of Arts & Sciences, has two openings for postdoctoral research fellows for one-year, renewable, full-time, appointments. Fellows will split their time between their own research and work for a team led by Professor Nicholas Sambanis at Penn’s Department of Political Science. Projects will include, but are not limited to, research on intervention and peacebuilding; the determinants of political radicalization; the effects of violence exposure on social preferences; the causes of conflict escalation in self-determination movements; and the formation and change of social identities. A variety of methods will be used, including large-N statistical analysis, game-theoretic modeling, field and survey experiments and historical case-studies. Job responsibilities will vary depending on the strengths and interests of the successful applicants, but they will include some combination of assisting with projects undertaken by a research team involving faculty at Penn and other institutions; data collection and management; preliminary data analysis; archival research; and possibly also field work. Successful applicants will have significant training in methods (statistical analysis, survey research, or qualitative methods) and/or modeling. Computer programming skills are highly desirable as is experience using large computer databases and statistical software. All applicants should have excellent organizational skills. Pre-doctoral candidates may also apply, though preference will be given to applicants who will have received their doctorate by the start of the appointment. There is no teaching requirement. Fellows will be expected to give a presentation during the academic year in the Perry World House Seminar Series.

Qualifications, Requirements, and Application Information

All postdoctoral fellow positions pay a stipend of $50,000 plus relevant fees and health insurance. The position also provides $1,000 in research support.

Applications are welcome from scholars who have received their Ph.D. or equivalent degrees in the last two years (not earlier than 2014), or who expect to complete their degree by June 2017. Applications will be reviewed starting January 10, 2017. To receive full consideration, applications and letters of recommendation should be received by that date.

To apply, please go to: https://apply.interfolio.com/39457. Applicants will be asked to complete a short form as well as upload a cover letter, CV/resume, one page research statement, writing sample, and unofficial PhD transcript (only required for current graduate students). We will also ask for the name and email address of a letter writer who can submit a letter of recommendation.

The University of Pennsylvania is strongly committed to Penn’s Action Plan for Faculty Diversity and Excellence and to establishing a more diverse community at Penn (for more information see: http://www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v58/n02/diversityplan.html).

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