

The Center for Political Economy Postdoctoral Research Scholar Application

About Columbia World Projects

Columbia World Projects (CWP) is a university-wide initiative that aims to forge closer and more useful connections between Columbia University's research capabilities and the needs of the world by mobilizing researchers and scholars in collaboration with governments, organizations, businesses and communities to tackle critical global challenges.

About the Center for Political Economy

The newly formed Center for Political Economy at Columbia World Projects will identify and advance the most promising recent developments within economics, and promote a new political economy with robust philosophical underpinnings and a cross-disciplinary orientation that connects economics to history, law, political science, sociology, public health, engineering, data science, and other fields.

At the core of its work, the Center is developing "idea labs". Geared to advance fresh thinking, shape research agendas, affect graduate training, and serve as intellectual and policy incubators, idea labs will be undergirded by an explicit focus on power, inequality, and uncertainty, all concepts that have been typically elided in neoliberal approaches. This Postdoctoral Research Scholar will be embedded in the idea lab on "work and labor," which is oriented to the forces, institutions, and ideas that shape and regulate work and labor markets. This idea lab focuses on the modes of collective action by workers, as well as the interactions among workers, employers, markets, and the larger society. It also concentrates on the future of labor movements at home and abroad, with an emphasis on how movements both address and are shaped by technological and other transformations. Thus, we seek candidates whose research agendas intersect these themes, who will contribute to the work and labor idea lab's discussions and projects, and who will benefit from being part of an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach.

Position Summary

The Center for Political Economy is seeking a full-time Postdoctoral Research Scholar. Applicants working on a wide-range of subjects are eligible, preference will be given to those working on research projects that principally concern themes central to the work and labor idea lab (detailed above). This is a one-year position (one additional year may be possible) with an anticipated start date of **February 1, 2023**. Under the direction of the Center's faculty co-directors and advisory board, the Scholar will have the opportunity to pursue their own research while supporting the work of the Center. The Center is part of Columbia World Projects at Columbia University.

Funding for the Postdoctoral Research Scholar will cover salary for up to one academic year. The scholar will commit to jointly organize seminars and conferences, public events, and additional programmatic support and outreach.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a PhD, JD, JSD or equivalent.

Application

Interested applicants should apply and submit the following materials to politicaleconomy@columbia.edu.

1. Cover Letter describing your interest and relevant experience;

2. Curriculum Vitae;
3. Writing sample consisting of a single journal article, essay, or book chapter (published or unpublished);
4. A summary of the research plan for which the position is sought (limited to 350 words);
5. A detailed research plan (up to five pages, single-spaced) for the position stating specific goals to be accomplished during the period it will be held; and,
6. Contact information for three references familiar with your work (including your doctoral supervisor).

Please reach out to politicaleconomy@columbia.edu with any questions.