

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Inclusive Urbanism, Columbia World Projects

Description

Columbia World Projects (CWP) is a university-wide initiative established in 2017 to bridge scholarly knowledge and real-world action. CWP mobilizes scholars, researchers, practitioners, and students to identify and implement interdisciplinary solutions to complex societal challenges in partnership with targeted change agents.

CWP is seeking a Postdoctoral Research Scholar (PRS) to join its Research and Engagement team, starting in January 2023. The PRS will play a significant role supporting CWP's program on Inclusive Urbanism while pursuing their own research and publication goals. While the PRS's research agenda can focus on a range of urban-related issues, we are particularly interested in candidates who have experience and interest in engaging the following areas of focus, which span the Global South and North: urban governance, civic engagement and technology, inequalities (especially as related to historically marginalized groups), climate adaptation, and disaster prevention and recovery. Candidates may work in a variety of fields, including (but not limited to) the social sciences, history, planning, architecture and design, environmental and climate studies, and public policy and administration.

The PRS will have a strong research background on urban questions and an interest in how research can engage practitioners and public audiences. Key activities are to conduct research, help convene and support an advisory committee of Columbia faculty for CWP's urban work, design convenings, draft concept notes on relevant topics, and, as appropriate, produce public facing reports and scholarly publications. When relevant, the PRS will also participate in bridge-building efforts between the research community and the worlds of practice and policy.

As a member of the Columbia World Projects intellectual community, the PRS will likely engage with scholars and practitioners in academia, foundations, community organizations, and the private sector. They will join workshop discussions and make contributions across CWP's range of research projects and activities. The PRS will be mentored and supervised by senior leadership in the Research and Engagement team, and work closely with a Project Officer.

Qualifications

PhD degree required.

Application

Applicants should present the following materials to am5606@columbia.edu.

1. Cover Letter describing their interest and relevant experience and how the PRS position would advance both intellectual and professional aspirations;
2. Curriculum Vitae;
3. Documentation of PhD;
4. Writing sample consisting of a single journal article, essay, or chapter (published or unpublished);
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, together with an abstract; and,
6. Contact information for three references, including a doctoral supervisor.