

The Columbia Center for Political Economy

Postdoctoral Research Scholar Application
Firms and Industrial Policy

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 Columbia Center for Political Economy

The newly formed [Columbia Center for Political Economy at Columbia World Projects](#) promotes 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." Designed to develop, support, and advance fresh thinking, shape research agendas, affect graduate training, and serve as intellectual and policy incubators, the idea labs will be undergirded by an explicit focus on power, inequality, and uncertainty.

This Postdoctoral Research Scholar will be embedded in the idea lab on "Firms and Industrial Policy," which develops new intellectual frameworks for understanding firm behavior, providing the basis for policies to promote shared prosperity. Industrial policy – government interventions to stimulate innovation, accelerate technological change, and promote selected industries – is back on mainstream policy agendas in the U.S., Europe, and many developing countries. But even as the policy pendulum swings back toward government intervention, the knowledge base to guide industrial policy remains underdeveloped. Work in the Lab will aim to strengthen this knowledge base and provide the groundwork for policy interventions that stimulate growth, promote innovation, and ensure that the gains are shared broadly. The Firms and Industrial Policy Idea Lab will be an interdisciplinary and collaborative space. We are soliciting applicants whose research agendas intersect these themes, and who have the desire and capacity to converse across disciplines.

Position Summary

The Columbia Center for Political Economy is seeking a full-time Postdoctoral Research Scholar. This is a one-year position (one additional year may be possible) with an anticipated start date of **July 1, 2024**. 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.

The salary range for this position is \$64,000 to \$84,000.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a PhD, JD, JSD, or equivalent from across the social sciences, history, and law.

Key Deadlines:

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. All application materials must be received no later than **December 1, 2023 5:00PM EST.**

Award announcements are expected to be made in February 2024, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2024.

Application

Interested applicants should submit the following materials to politiceconomy@columbia.edu using the subject line structure: *First Name_Last Name_CPE Postdoc Application*. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Cover Letter;
2. Curriculum Vitae;
3. Writing sample consisting of a single journal article, essay, or book chapter (published or unpublished);
4. A detailed research plan (around two pages single-spaced) for the position stating specific goals to be accomplished during the period it will be held; and
5. Letters of references from three faculty members (including your doctoral supervisor, if applicable).

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