

The Columbia Center for Political Economy

Postdoctoral Research Scholar Application
Money and Finance Idea Lab

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 "Money and Finance," which explores the relation of money and finance both in theoretical terms and in institutional configurations, including the design of financial instruments as well as the policy instruments employed by central banks, but also the design of financial intermediaries and their relation to central banks and financial market regulators. The deeply imbricated institutional relation of money and finance has important implications for political economy. Topics may include the future of central banking, the rise of digital money systems, the role of money and finance in climate change as accelerator or mitigator, the impact of large asset managers on financial systems, as well as the search for alternative forms for financing R&D, land preservation, and social protection.

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, particularly Katharina Pistor who co-leads the Money and Finance Idea Lab, 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 politicaleconomy@columbia.edu using the subject line structure: *First Name_Last Name_CPE Postdoc Application*. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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, if applicable, or other professor).

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