Graduate Student Research Assistant: Biometrics & Immigration Policy
Summer 2020

Research Support

The Duke University Science & Society Initiative seeks three graduate student research assistants for the summer to support an ongoing investigation of the use of biometrics in immigration policy. Our team is closely examining the law and policy landscape of shaping the use of DNA, facial recognition, and other biometric data in various immigration contexts. During Summer 2020, we will continue building our current U.S. focus while also identifying analogous case studies from international examples. We will also examine how the COVID-19 pandemic is intersecting with existing biometrics and immigration policies. Summer research will inform policy recommendation documents, conference presentation or manuscript development, and science communication media.

The ideal candidate will have excellent communication and writing skills. Knowledge of biometrics and/or immigration policies is preferable but not required.

Qualifications:
• Current graduate student at Duke University
• Currently residing in North Carolina or previously on Duke payroll
• Writing sample required
• Proficiency in Microsoft office suite
• Strong communication and writing skills
• A collegial, responsive, and professional approach to work
• Detail-oriented, highly organized student who will meet agreed-upon deadlines

Duties and Responsibilities:
• Work directly with postdoctoral lead from Science & Society to understand existing research
• Literature review of relevant policies, legislation, case law, memoranda, news, and journals
• Case study research
• Draft write-ups of initial findings
• Contribute to academic manuscript and conference presentation drafts
• Complete other duties and projects as assigned
Benefits include collaborating with a Duke University research team in the Farahany Science, Law, and Policy Lab (SLAP Lab), contributing to policy education and guidance, and learning more about the intersection of science and immigration policy.

Three graduate students will be hired to provide project support. The student will work 20 hours a week including weekly one-hour team meetings.

Interested candidates should email their resume to Meredith.Van.Natta@duke.edu with subject “S&S Graduate Research Assistantship.”

Apply as soon as possible! We will review applicants as they are received. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews until the positions for Summer 2020 are filled.