Duke Law & Biosciences Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

Duke University Science & Society invites applications for the 2015-2016 Law & Biosciences Post-doctoral Fellowship Program. This fellowship is intended for individuals with a doctoral degree (JD, PhD, MD, DPhil) who are interested in an academic or policy career working on issues in science and society, with a particular interest in the legal, ethical, and social implications of the biosciences.

Science & Society:
Duke Science & Society is an interdisciplinary initiative that examines the wide-ranging and integral role of science in social institutions and culture. Science & Society integrates and fosters innovation in related research, education, and engagement at Duke by adopting a pluralistic approach to understanding how science and human endeavors intersect with a specific focus on ethical, legal, and social implications for science. For more information, visit our website at http://www.scienceandsociety.duke.edu.

The Fellowship:
The Law & Biosciences Fellowship is a residential fellowship that provides an opportunity to become involved in the activities of Science & Society and Duke University, while pursuing independent scholarship at the intersection of science and society. Candidates are offered a one-year position, with a possibility of renewal for a second one-year position. Fellows dedicate approximately one third of their time to supporting the activities of Science & Society, one third of their time supporting the research of the Director of Science & Society, and one third of their time on independent research. Fellows are provided with office space, a competitive stipend, and benefits. Applicants should have a JD or other doctoral level degree (MD, PhD) in a relevant area. A law degree is a significant advantage but is not a requirement.

Fellowship Responsibilities:
Independent scholarship at the intersection of biosciences and law:
- Complete at least one mentored research project which culminates in a manuscript of publishable quality
- Participate in bioethics conferences, workshops, and seminars as appropriate

Support Research of Director of Science & Society:
- Provide research support on research projects, presentations, and grant proposals under the supervision of the Director of Science & Society
- Draft manuscripts, engage in empirical and qualitative research activities in support of the research projects of the Director of Science & Society

Support Science & Society activities:
- Organize and implement for the master’s program the colloquium series “Contemporary Issues in Bioethics & Science Policy,” which involves coordinating a series of speakers for the course
- Help plan and implement Science & Society workshops and events, including the Distinguished Lecture Series and the Science & Society Roundtable
- Implement a training program for young researchers interested in learning more about Science & Society topics
- Support the work of Science & Society, including research, education, and engagement
- Complete other tasks as requested

The Application Process:
Applicants should submit a CV, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a research proposal (in 2000 words or less) to Colleen Higgins (colleen.higgins@duke.edu). The subject line of the email application should read “Application 2015 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program” and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 1, 2015. Fellows will be chosen based on demonstrated academic merit, likelihood of future success in academia or science policy, and on strength of their research proposals. Decisions will be made by March 15, 2015.

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