Duke Initiative for Science & Society invites applications for the 2018-2019 Science, Law, and Policy (SLAP) Lab Post-doctoral Fellowship. 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 science and technology.

The Duke Initiative for Science & Society:

The Duke Initiative for 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 SLAP Lab Fellowship is a residential fellowship working with Dr. Nita Farahany, as the lab manager for the Science, Law & Policy Lab at Duke Science and Society. It provides an opportunity to become involved in the activities of Science & Society and Duke University, while pursuing scholarship at the intersection of law, science, technology, and society. This program aims to prepare scholars with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct cutting-edge science, law, and policy research. Candidates are offered a one-year position, with a possibility of renewal for a second one-year position. Fellows are provided with office space, a competitive stipend, and benefits.

The fellowship experience will include:

**Mentored research opportunities.** The postdoctoral research fellow will work closely with Dr. Nita Farahany and to conduct research at the intersection of science, law, and policy. The fellow will also obtain knowledge and skills necessary to obtain competitive research funding, in preparation for a successful career.

**Project management and leadership experience.** The postdoctoral research fellow will be in charge of coordinating and leading the research projects in the SLAP Lab. The fellow will be in charge of coordinating and leading weekly team meetings and engaging with the broader Duke community to foster research collaborations. The fellow will be in charge of supervising and mentoring undergraduates, graduates, and post-docs who are members of the SLAP Lab.

**Educational opportunities.** The fellow will have access to Science & Society’s seminars, including courses and training seminars about science policy and science communication, along with the other resources available to the Duke community.
**Fellowship Responsibilities:**

- Manage the Science, Law, and Policy Lab, guiding research projects toward completion of manuscripts of publishable quality.
- Participate in science, law, and policy conferences, workshops, and seminars as appropriate
- Support the work of Science & Society's SLAP Lab, including research, education, and engagement
- Help plan and implement Science & Society workshops and events, including the Science & Society Dialogues

**Qualifications**

Must have a PhD, MD, or equivalent doctoral degree in neuroscience, psychology, bioethics, or a field deemed relevant by the program. Must have excellent written and oral communication skills and must be able to work in collaborative, team-oriented environments. Experience with social science research methods, including survey methods, quantitative and qualitative research, statistical analysis, and/or policy research is highly desirable. Familiarity with neuroscience and/or the law is also preferred.

**The Application Process:**

Applicants should submit a CV, college and graduate school transcripts, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a research proposal (in 2000 words or less) to Science & Society (scienceandsociety@duke.edu). The subject line of the email application should read “Application 2018 SLAP Lab Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program”. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 20, 2018. 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 April 15, 2018.

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