Duke Science & Society Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program
Law & Biosciences Fellow

The Duke Initiative for Science & Society invites applications for the 2016-2017 Science & Society Law & Biosciences Fellowship Program. This fellowship is intended for individuals with a law degree (JD) or a PhD in political science or public policy 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. Those with a background in federal appellate litigation and/or science are strongly encouraged to apply.

Science & Society:

The Fellowship:
The Science & Society Fellowship is a residential one-year fellowship, with a possibility for renewal for a second year in limited circumstances. Fellows dedicate two thirds of their time supporting the activities of Science & Society and one third of their time on self-directed research. Fellows are provided with office space, a competitive stipend, and benefits.

Fellowship Responsibilities:
Support Science & Society activities:
• Work with the Science Policy Tracking Program, a program designed to provide an informational resource for scientists, policy makers, the public, students, and other stakeholders interested in science and technology developments and news.
• Work with the Amicus Program to assistant teach the Amicus Lab and to draft and submit amicus briefs. The amicus briefs address legal issues related to the adoption of developing technologies by the courts, with an initial emphasis on neuroscience and genomics, and will be submitted to federal courts of appeals and the US Supreme Court, as well as state appellate courts, as appropriate.
• Organize and implement 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
• Complete other tasks as requested
Scholarship at the intersection of science and society:
• Complete at least one research project which culminates in a manuscript of publishable quality
• Participate in conferences, workshops, and seminars as appropriate

The Application Process:
Applicants should submit a CV, contact information for three references, a writing sample, and a research proposal (in 2,000 words or less) to Mary Jo Smith (mary.jo.smith@duke.edu). The subject line of the email application should read “Application 2016 Law & Biosciences Fellowship Program” and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 5, 2016. Fellows will be chosen based on demonstrated academic merit, on likelihood of future success in academia or science policy, and on strength of their research proposals. Finalists will be notified by April 30, 2016.

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