



Job Description

Job Title: Post-Doctoral Fellow in Applied Research
Department: Auburn Research and The Center for the Study of Theological Education
Reports to: Vice President, Applied Research
Status: One year contract position, with a possible second year renewal
Start Date: October 1, 2019

Auburn is a leadership development and research institute working with faith-rooted justice leaders and movements to catalyze change. Using innovative, research-based methodologies, Auburn equips leaders to frame the critical conversations of the day and mobilize the public to work across divides to create a more just and generous world. We believe that societies work best when people actively participate in public conversations about issues, policies and legislation. Through advocacy and thought leadership, Auburn helps to influence views on pressing social issues, such as income inequality, climate change, LGBTQ equality, gender justice, gun violence, immigration and racial justice. In just the last year, Auburn reached more than a million people through our trainings, digital outreach and national convenings. Learn more at www.AuburnSeminary.org

Summary

The Post-doctoral Fellowship at Auburn Research and The Center for the Study of Theological Education is intended to support the early research careers of scholars who show promise of significant engagement in the field of theological education, faith communities, and faith-rooted social movements to understand how faith leaders are best prepared. The successful candidate will assist in all stages of the research process, including design and execution of mixed method research, analysis of data, drafting reports, articles and books, and engagement with varied constituencies and partners. The Research post-doctoral fellow will do background research as part of existing projects, including use qualitative and quantitative methods as appropriate. This position will also be responsible for regularly contributing to Auburn Voices and other social media channels by offering new insights and analysis from recent research.

Responsibilities:

Research & Analysis (40%):

- Assist with developing research designs, surveys, and strategy;
- Coordinate and carry out research visits, interviews, and other research in the field;
- Assist in the development of graphics for major reports and blog posts;
- Conduct literature review and background research for academic presentations and projects.

Editorial (40%):

- Take lead role in drafting research reports;
- Assist with other writing assignments, including scholarly articles and other writing tasks as they arise, for the team and in the research agenda of the post-doctoral fellow;
- Review all research content to ensure accuracy.



Engagement (20%)

- Respond to inquiries and collaborating in engagements regarding consulting and evaluation projects;
- Participate in the engagement of the broader Auburn team in its work with partner and leader engagement, trainings, cohorts and convenings.

Qualifications:

- A Ph.D. earned (anytime between January 2018 and September 2019) in social science with a focus on religion, or religion with social science emphasis;
- Strong qualitative and quantitative and statistical skills, including experience with SPSS and other statistical tools;
- Strong editorial judgement and exceptional ability to communicate research clearly and concisely to a broad public audience;
- Exceptional organizational skills and meticulous attention to detail;
- Exceptional promise as a public scholar with established publishing record.'
- Residence in the New York metro area is desirable but not required. Remote employees will negotiate a regular pattern of presence in person at Auburn.

A one-year assessment will take place in August of 2020, and either party may end the fellowship after one year. If both parties agree, an offer of a second year will be extended for the fellowship.

To Apply

For employment consideration, visit https://form.jotform.com/Auburn1/post-doctoral_2019 to submit the following information:

1. A current CV
2. Thoughtful cover letter
3. Writing sample

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