POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Social Science and Applied Research Methods and Pedagogies

The Sociology Department is working with the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta to develop an undergraduate Certificate in Social Science and Applied Research. The Certificate is part of a broader initiative to coordinate and build research and teaching expertise in social science methods and methodologies, including their relevance to policy and practice. The Postdoctoral fellow will support the development of the Certificate through research and evaluation, teaching coordination, active involvement in designing and piloting elements of the program, and participation in related initiatives.

Working with the faculty director, the Postdoc will:

- Research current methods courses at the university and design pathways through the Certificate course requirements.
- Research and design the internship and capstone courses, including templates for internship placements, structures of support for successful internships and projects, and curricular models for supporting skill development in social science and applied research.
- Teach (potentially co-teach) and evaluate a pilot version of the internship course.
- Support the faculty director in compiling, revising, and gathering input for the Certificate, and in shepherding the Certificate through the approval process.
- Research potential types of internship placements.
- Explore possibilities for a graduate version of the Certificate.
- Work with the faculty director and with the cross-campus Graduate Statistics Coordinating Committee to hold a regular seminar series on social science and applied research methods.
- Assist in preparing reports and proposals, including for the interdisciplinary SSARI advisory committee.

The Postdoctoral fellow will be expected to spend half of their time working on their own relevant research during the tenure of the fellowship. They will be supported in their work by faculty supervisor(s) in the Department of Sociology, invited to fully participate in the life of the Department and in the University, provided with opportunities to collaborate on projects, and furnished with office space and equipment.

This is a 12-month position beginning as early as August 1st, 2017. The annual stipend is in the range of $38,000 to $42,800CDN, depending on prior experience, plus a research allowance of $2,000 CDN.

The successful candidate for the PDF will:

- At the time of appointment, hold a PhD (conferred within the last three years) in sociology or a related field.
- Have at least two years of experience conducting research and/or teaching in social science and applied research fields, and be familiar with both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.
- Demonstrate ongoing research interests in the teaching and learning of social science and applied methods.
- Have proven skills in organization, project management, and report writing.
To Apply:
Interested candidates should forward a CV, the names and contact information of three references, and a cover letter outlining suitability for the position and substantial plans for research during the tenure of the PDF to:

Sara Dorow, Chair
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For inquiries about the position, contact the Chair at sdorow@ualberta.ca or at (780) 492-0471.

Closing date:
Position open until filled. We will begin reviewing applications on July 10.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.

The University of Alberta is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.