POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR WANTED: CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

First Review: January 30, 2020
Apply by this date for full consideration by the committee. Applications will continue to be reviewed until February 17, 2020 if the position is not filled.

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The Canadian Studies Program at UC Berkeley seeks applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar, in the area of immigration and Canadian politics, broadly conceived. This is a 12-month, 100% time position, beginning August 1, 2020. 80% of the holder’s time will be dedicated to projects developed in collaboration with the Thomas Garden Barnes Chair of Canadian Studies; 20% of the holder’s time is reserved for their own research and writing. There is no teaching obligation.

The successful candidate will work closely with the chair of Canadian Studies, Professor Irene Bloemraad, to field online surveys of Canadian attitudes on immigration, and to help advance possible parallel surveys in the United States and other immigrant-receiving countries. Other projects will leverage the postdoctoral scholar’s interests and strengths, ideally complementing the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative’s Mapping Spatial Inequality project and/or the focus of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research’s Boundaries, Membership and Belonging program. The postdoctoral scholar will be expected to participate in the intellectual community at the Canadian Studies Program and on the Berkeley campus. The scholar may have the opportunity to organize an academic conference on a topic close to the researcher’s interests. Duties will include:

- Conducting collaborative research, including fielding on-line opinion surveys, which requires overseeing question creation, survey questionnaire programming in Qualtrics or similar platform, survey administration, and statistical analysis of survey data.
- Supporting a small research team, including supervision of graduate and/or undergraduate students in data collection, data analysis, and report production processes related to public opinion, immigrant-serving organizations, or related topics.
- Co-authoring peer-reviewed journal articles with ladder-rank faculty and others.
- Collaborating with senior faculty and campus researchers to generate research funds, including assisting with developing grant proposals and other development efforts.
- Organizing, in collaboration with others, an academic conference or workshop.

Basic Qualifications (by time of application):
- PhD or equivalent international degree or enrolled in a PhD or equivalent international degree program.

Additional Qualifications (by start date):
- A PhD or equivalent international degree.
- Minimum 1-2 years experience with immigration and Canadian politics. This can include a comparative politics approach.
Preferred Qualifications:

- Doctoral Degree in Political Science, Sociology, Public Policy, or related discipline that has allowed the candidate to develop the skills necessary to thrive in this position (e.g., Demography, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Geography, etc.).
- Candidates should provide evidence that they can successfully oversee public opinion surveys, ideally using on-line administration.
- Ability to be self-directed with broadly-defined limits on projects; excellent communication skills, both oral and written; strong research skills, and a demonstrated ability to interact effectively with diverse people in a highly multidisciplinary environment.
- A record of authored publications or articles in preparation is a plus.

The position is open until filled with an anticipated start date of August 2020. This is a one-year, full-time position, with the possibility of renewal based on need, performance, and availability of funding. Previous postdoctoral experience will be recognized in setting the initial step, up until the maximum of five years in the postdoctoral title. The maximum annualized salary direct-paid by Berkeley for this position is $60,000. Applicants with their own funding, (e.g., SSHRC grants) are strongly encouraged to apply. For candidates with external support, salary per year will be determined commensurate with qualifications, experience and campus policy. Benefits are included. UC Berkeley has an excellent benefits package as well as a number of policies and programs to support employees as they balance work and family, if applicable.

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter - Cover Letter explaining the fit with this position and the skills you bring
- Statement of Research - Statement of Research Interests/Experience/Approach
- Writing Sample - PDF Copy of Recent Publication or Manuscript in Preparation. A writing sample, should ideally demonstrate with strong connections to one of the position’s priorities: public opinion about immigration, spatial mismatch in immigrant service provision and/or understanding how to maximize the benefits of membership boundaries in diverse societies

Applicants should provide contact information for three references. Letters of reference are not required at this time. We will seek your permission before contacting your references. All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality: http://apo.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html. Please address inquires to Professor Bloemraad, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley: bloemr@berkeley.edu.

University of California Postdoctoral Scholars are exclusively represented by the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW). The union’s (UAW 5810) website is http://uaw5810.org/. Details concerning your benefits as a Postdoctoral Scholar are set forth in Article 3, "Benefits," of the UC-UAW Local 5810 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). A copy of the CBA between the University of California and the UAW is located at: http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/labor/bargaining-units/px/index.html.

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