

**Postdoctoral Fellowships, Science in Human Culture Program
Northwestern University
Deadline: January 9, 2017**

The Science in Human Culture Program (SHC) at Northwestern University invites applications for two-year postdoctoral fellowships in the contextual study of science, technology, or medicine, to run September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2019. Two Fellows will be selected. Applications are welcome from scholars who study science, technology, or medicine in any region of the world and from any of a range of historical, philosophical, sociological, anthropological, or literary perspectives. Each Fellow will be affiliated with both the SHC program and an appropriate disciplinary department in Weinberg College (History, Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology, etc.).

Fellows will pursue a program of independent scholarship under the guidance of a faculty mentor. They will also design and teach two undergraduate courses each year, over the course of the three-quarter-long teaching year. (Typically these will be one seminar and one lecture course, to be listed by the affiliated department.) Fellows will also help organize and run the SHC visiting lecturer series. They are expected to be active participants in intellectual activities in both SHC and their affiliated departments and to deliver one public lecture each year.

Applicants with a Ph.D. (or equivalent doctoral degree) must have completed it after September 1, 2012. Applicants without a Ph.D. (or equivalent doctoral degree) must complete all the requirements for the degree before September 1, 2017. At time of application, the applicant must be available for the full two-year term. The stipend is \$56,500 in the first year of the fellowship. In addition, the Fellow is eligible for \$3,500 per year to fund research and conference travel, and up to \$1,500 for allowable relocation expenses in the first year. This is a full-time, benefits eligible position.

In order to ensure full consideration, all application materials other than letters of recommendation must be received by **January 9, 2017**. Letters of recommendation are due no later than January 16, 2017. Because your references will not receive submission instructions until you submit your completed application, **we recommend that you submit your application well before the deadline.**

FAQs and submission instructions appear below. Administrative questions not addressed on the webpage should be directed to Natasha Dennison at shc-program@northwestern.edu. Substantive questions may be addressed to the program director at helen.tilley@northwestern.edu. For more information about departments or programs at Northwestern, see <http://offices.northwestern.edu/browse/A/academic>.

AA/EOE. Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

Please read ALL instructions and make all preparations before clicking the link to proceed to the application page. If you have been asked to submit a letter of recommendation for an applicant, please use the link in your email instructions instead of this page.

1. Applications will only be accepted through the online form. Please make sure all documents are prepared in advance, because partial applications will not be accepted and cannot be saved. Also, **please be sure all information is entered completely and accurately** (especially names and email addresses), as there will be no opportunity for online revision after your application has been accepted.
2. All uploaded files should be in Adobe PDF format. Files in another electronic format (e.g., MS Word) should be saved or "printed to" PDF format before uploading. If you only have a paper version of a particular document, you may scan it and save it as a PDF. However, the first method is preferred, because it retains text recognition capabilities.
3. Three names and email addresses for external references are required. One letter should normally be from your dissertation chair. It is also very helpful if at least one letter comments specifically on your teaching experience and abilities. If you have not yet defended and submitted your dissertation, please advise your chair that her or his letter must specifically discuss what work remains to be completed and when you will complete all the requirements to receive your degree.
4. The following materials are all required:
 - **Cover Letter:** A letter that briefly situates your work in relation to the field and identifies the proposed departmental affiliation.
 - **Curriculum vitae.**
 - **Research Statement.** This should be a two-page summary of your dissertation.
 - **Research Proposal.** Please submit a two-page research plan for the fellowship period. This may include, but should extend beyond, revisions to the dissertation.
 - **Teaching Statement.** This document should consist of titles and short descriptions of at least two undergraduate courses of your design that you could teach under the auspices of a relevant program or department within the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences—see the list here: <http://www.weinberg.northwestern.edu/departments/index.html>). We are not requesting a statement of teaching philosophy or full syllabi.
 - **Writing Sample.** The size of the writing sample should be equivalent to a single journal article, book chapter, or dissertation chapter; it may be published or unpublished. Only one sample may be submitted. It must be in English. The **MAXIMUM PAGE LENGTH** is 50 pages.
 - **Graduate Transcript.** A transcript from your doctoral-degree-granting institution. An unofficial transcript is acceptable. The transcript may be omitted if your doctoral program did not include formal graded classes; if that is the case, please instead submit a statement to that effect.
5. Very soon after you submit your complete online application, your references will automatically be emailed instructions for uploading a letter of recommendation. **NOTE:** If you are using a professional placement or dossier service (e.g., Interfolio) to submit any or all recommendations, please use the service's address **instead of your reference's address** in the appropriate space. Once again, please be sure all addresses are entered correctly

with **no spelling errors**; otherwise your reference or dossier service will not receive the instructions.

6. Some things to remember when uploading your application documents:

- Please note that no document may exceed **4 MB** in size, so be sure to minimize the size of any large PDF files before uploading.
- File names should not contain parentheses, quotation marks, or other such characters; the system will likely not accept such documents.

7. When you have assembled all your PDF files and are ready with your list of references, you may proceed to the Online Application. All required fields must be filled in before you click on the "Submit Application" button. **The system will not accept incomplete applications.** Applications that are complete by January 9, 2017, will be ensured full consideration. (References will be allowed to arrive through January 16.) You will receive an email confirmation shortly after your application has been received.

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FAQs:

I am a foreign student. Will Northwestern provide a visa?

A: International scholars are eligible to apply for the postdoctoral fellowship. For more information, see: <http://www.northwestern.edu/international/employee-visitor-visas/j-1-visitors/index.html>.

I plan to do field research away from the Chicago area. Will that be a problem?

Postdocs are generally expected to be in residence and full participants in the scholarly community during the nine-month academic year (late September through mid-June), with the exception of the winter and spring breaks. Short trips to conduct research, attend conferences, give talks, etc., are normal and are typically scheduled so as not to conflict with teaching or other important responsibilities.

I got my degree x years ago. Do I still qualify?

As stated above, you must have completed your Ph.D. (or equivalent doctoral degree) after September 1, 2012 in order to be eligible.

If I am offered a postdoc, may I defer for a year or postpone the start date?

No postponements or deferrals are permitted.

I received my Ph.D from Northwestern. Am I still eligible to apply?

Northwestern Ph.D.'s are eligible to apply but will be given a lower priority in our consideration.