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**Position Announcement:  
CECE Postdoctoral Fellow  
Center for Environment, Community, & Equity American University**

**Job Description:**

The School of International Service at American University (AU) invites applications for an eighteen-month Center for Environment, Community, & Equity (CECE) Postdoctoral Fellow in Civic Environmentalism. The Post-Doctoral fellow will work on the [Addressing Climate Through Our Nation's Service Corps Program](#) under the project's Principal Investigator, Professor Dana R. Fisher. We seek a junior scholar with a deep knowledge about civic engagement and activism, and a strong background in both survey and interview research methods to join the project's research team. In addition to working with the team to collect and analyze data, and write-up the research findings, the post-doctoral fellow will support our new DataCorps Fellowship Program, which will train graduate students to evaluate civic programs that are springing up across the US to support climate work. Although the post-doctoral fellow will support DataCorps Program as fellows conduct evaluations over the summer, there are no teaching responsibilities.

We welcome applicants who possess a broad and big-picture understanding of civic engagement and environmental challenges, and the ability to engage with research and scholarship from multiple disciplines. Preference will be given to applicants with experience working on actionable research and strong intrapersonal skills, with a record of published research.

We especially encourage applications from individuals from sectors of the population historically underrepresented on the professorial faculties of U.S. colleges and universities. The position begins on January 1, 2025, with the possibility of renewal for additional time.

The postdoctoral fellow should reside in the D.C. metropolitan area and be an active participant in SIS' vibrant intellectual community. Other fellowship expectations include contributing to the day-to-day activities at the Center for Environment, Community, & Equity (CECE), including coordinating environmental events, hosting guests, writing for the CECE Clearinghouse, and providing other administrative support (for up to 25% of the fellow's time).

Applicants should hold a PhD or the highest equivalent degree in any discipline connected to the social sciences by the start date, though ABD applications will be considered. Annual salary: \$70,000 plus benefits. Review of applications will begin on November 4, 2024 and will continue until the position is filled.

Applications must be submitted electronically via the [Workday application system](#). Applications should include the following:

- Cover letter detailing the applicant's research background and expertise
- Curriculum vitae
- Sample publications
- Brief research statement including research agenda
- Statement describing past examples of your contributions to diversity and inclusion in your scholarship, the classroom and/or in other professional settings.
- The names and email addresses of three references (the Workday system will contact them for a confidential letter of recommendation) and whom the committee may contact.

Queries about the search may be sent to Professor Dana Fisher ([drfisher@american.edu](mailto:drfisher@american.edu)). Queries about the online application system may be sent to SIS faculty affairs manager Alissa Iwaniuk ([aiwaniuk@american.edu](mailto:aiwaniuk@american.edu)).

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Benefits

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