



**PRESIDENTIAL  
SCHOLARS**  
IN  
SOCIETY AND  
NEUROSCIENCE

 **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## **2018 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS IN SOCIETY AND NEUROSCIENCE: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Center for Science and Society at Columbia University invites applications for a postdoctoral research scholar/scientist or associate research scholar/scientist position to begin July 2018. Columbia University is pleased to announce up to three interdisciplinary postdoctoral positions in the Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience program for researchers who have earned the doctorate, or its equivalent, in (1) a humanities, arts, or social science discipline — such as psychiatry, psychology, public health, law, history, economics, literature, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, political science, journalism, music and the arts — and who have extensive acquaintance with, and critical understanding of, neuroscience research; OR (2) neuroscience or a related discipline in the natural sciences and who have extensive acquaintance with, and critical understanding of, another discipline in the arts, humanities, or social sciences. These Scholars will join an innovative program, Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience, which comprises eight existing Scholars and a large group of mentors and affiliated faculty from the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

Over the last decade, Columbia University has assembled a distinguished group of neuroscientific researchers in the Zuckerman Mind, Brain, Behavior Institute, which stands poised to become one of the most important loci of neuroscience research in the world. Columbia University is committed to supplementing the groundbreaking experimental inquiry of the neuroscience faculty by systematic investigation into the conceptual underpinnings and the social foundations and consequences of such newly obtained knowledge. The Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience program will add the perspective of disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and the arts to intensify and broaden the neuroscientific research base and help advance transformative interdisciplinary research throughout the University.

The goal of this interdisciplinary experiment is to train and foster a new generation of scholars with the capacity to advance understanding of the humanistic and social dimensions of mind, brain, and behavior. In order to foster true interdisciplinary research, each Presidential Scholar will work closely with at least two senior mentors, at least one drawn from neuroscience and the other(s) from the arts, humanities or social science discipline closest to the work proposed by the Scholar. The Scholars, mentors, and affiliated faculty will meet monthly throughout the academic year, inviting guest discussions from accomplished scholars around the world and serving as a locus for the Presidential Scholars' presentation of their own work.

Successful applicants will be appointed in the Center for Science and Society at Columbia University for a total of three years. Appointments will be made at the level of postdoctoral scholar or scientist, or associate research scholar or scientist, with a start date of **July 1, 2018 for the 2018-19 academic year**. Renewal for the second and third years will be based on satisfactory performance. The annual salary will be approximately \$80,000, plus benefits.

While applications will be open until all positions are filled, **only complete applications that are submitted by Monday, November 27, 2017** will be included in the first round of reviews.



## APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

**Eligibility:** Candidates must hold a doctoral-level degree (PhD, EdD, JD, MD, etc.) by **July 1, 2018**, and must have received this degree after **July 1, 2013**. Review of applications will begin **November 27, 2017** and will continue until the positions are filled. Only complete applications received by this date will be included in the first round of reviews. All applications must be submitted through Columbia University's online Recruitment of Academic Personnel System ([RAPS](#)) and must include:

1. Cover letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. PhD Dissertation Abstract (if applicable)
4. Writing sample(s) totaling up to 30 pages (articles or book chapter preferred)
5. Proposal for an interdisciplinary research project (or projects) that build(s) on the applicant's current disciplinary background and brings together an aspect of neuroscientific research with research in the arts, humanities, and/or social sciences (see below for more details)
6. Work sample or portfolio (if applicable – for applicants with a background in the arts)
7. Three letters of reference to be uploaded to the site, below

To apply, visit: [TBD – application weblink will open in late summer.](#)

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Please submit the Research Proposal as a single PDF document with a clear title. It should include the following:

1. Cover page, including:
  - a. Title of proposal
  - b. Proposed faculty Mentors, their titles and schools. Please suggest at least one Columbia University or Barnard College faculty member from the arts, humanities or social sciences and at least one faculty member from the (neuro)sciences to serve as Mentors on the proposed project. It is not required that you contact these faculty members prior to applying.
  - c. An executive summary/abstract of the project.
2. Proposal narrative with timeline of research for the three years of the position (no more than 10 pages double-spaced in 12-point font)
  - a. Narrative must include a **statement of interdisciplinarity**, explaining how the project brings together neuroscience research and at least one other discipline in a novel way to advance understanding of mind, brain and behavior.
3. Itemized projected budget
4. Budget narrative
5. Figures or tables
6. Bibliography and/or references cited
7. Plan for securing external funding (if appropriate). A modest research allowance will be available, but will not fully cover the costs of most projects.