



Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

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Position Number: 121705

Title: Post Doctoral Scholar

Functional Title: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Category Status: 25-Faculty,Contractual

Applicant Search Category: Faculty

University Authorized FTE: 1

Unit: INFO-College of Information Studies

Campus/College Information: Founded in 1856, University of Maryland, College Park is the state’s flagship institution. Our 1,250-acre College Park campus is just minutes away from Washington, D.C., and the nexus of the nation’s legislative, executive, and judicial centers of power. This unique proximity to business and technology leaders, federal departments and agencies, and a myriad of research entities, embassies, think tanks, cultural centers, and non-profit organizations is simply unparalleled. Synergistic opportunities for our faculty and students abound and are virtually limitless in the nation’s capital and surrounding areas. The University is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding and diverse faculty and staff that will enhance our stature of preeminence in our three missions of teaching, scholarship, and full engagement in our community, the state of Maryland, and in the world.

Background Checks Offers of employment are contingent on completion of a background check. Information reported by the background check will not automatically disqualify you from employment.

The USDA's National Agricultural Library (NAL) and the Center for Archival Futures (CAFe) at the University of Maryland College of Information Studies (UMD iSchool) announce a Postdoctoral Fellowship to support research in the domains of scientific knowledge organization and public access policy. Primarily based at the UMD iSchool, this fellowship will be committed to two overarching activities: (1) conducting and disseminating research on relevant topics; and (2) developing research collaborations and knowledge-sharing opportunities between NAL and the UMD iSchool.

The postdoctoral fellow will conduct and disseminate research related to one or more of the following topics:

- Scientific knowledge infrastructures
- Data policy
- Public access to research, especially federally funded scientific outputs
- Data management, curation, and preservation
- Knowledge organization
- Scientific knowledge representation

Position

Summary/Purpose of Position:

This fellowship will be treated as a research position, with an expectation of productive research activity that results in publications and conference presentations. The postdoctoral fellow will primarily conduct their own research on relevant topics within the domains described above. The fellow will also be expected to participate in the intellectual life of CAFe and the iSchool more generally, by seeking out opportunities for interdisciplinary research collaboration across the College or across other units of the University, potentially to include the UMD extension.

In addition to collaborations at the iSchool and UMD more broadly, the fellow will develop collaborations and foster knowledge sharing between the iSchool and NAL, building upon the existing NAL/iSchool partnership. This will entail spending time at NAL and working with staff there to contribute to ongoing research and practice in relevant divisions. Specific activities will be determined according to the fellow's specific research interests and expertise. This may include, for example, working with NAL/USDA leadership on implementing federal, agency, and departmental policy related to public access to federally funded research outputs, including scholarly publications, research data, software, models, and other potential research outputs.

Education and Experience:

Minimum Qualifications:

- PhD completed or to be completed by early spring 2023
- Demonstrated research program in scientific knowledge infrastructures, data policy, data management and curation, knowledge organization, scientific knowledge representation, or public access to research

Preferred Qualifications:

Preferences:

- PhD degree from an accredited university in information studies, or a relevant scientific discipline, such as biological or environmental sciences
- Strong publication record in relevant domains
- Experience with collaborative and interdisciplinary research projects
- Experience with scientific data curation, data management, and developing guidance and best practices for applied settings
- Interest in the application of research to USDA NAL organization and policy contexts.

Additional Certifications:

The College of Information Studies strives to be a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming environment. Hence, we strongly encourage applications from people who identify as members of underrepresented, underserved, and/or marginalized communities.

Additional Information:

Note: If you need an accommodation in the application process, please notify iSchool HR at ischoolhr@umd.edu

Salary:\$75,000

Posting Date: 03/17/2023

Closing Date:

Open Until Filled No

Best Consideration Date 04/17/2023

Physical Demands

Diversity Statement:

The University of Maryland, College Park, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action; all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment. The University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, protected veteran status, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, political affiliation, personal appearance, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment, in all aspects of employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions.

Applicant Documents

Required Documents

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Research (examples: research statement, research programs)
4. List of References (no emails sent from system)

Optional Documents

1. Resume

Posting Specific Questions

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (*).

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