Watson Institute Post-Doctoral Fellows Program

The Watson Post-Doctoral Fellows program invites applications from exceptional early career scholars whose work contributes to one or more of the Institutes’ three core research areas: security, development, and governance. Successful candidates will join an interdisciplinary community of scholars in the social sciences engaged in theoretically and substantively important research that seeks to understand and address pressing global issues.

Application requirements

Review of materials will begin on October 16. The following materials should be submitted to the application portal (http://apply.interfolio.com/30448):

- A brief cover letter stating the applicant’s academic field, area of specialization, and a short summary of the proposed work during the fellowship period
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A statement describing the applicant’s proposed research for the duration of the fellowship: this may entail the preparation of a book manuscript for publication, but should also include a summary of the research questions, goals, and methodological approaches of additional research. The statement should not exceed 2,000 words, including all bibliographic references and supplementary material, and should make clear where in Watson’s core areas of security, development, or governance (http://watson.brown.edu/research) the proposed research best fits.
- A class proposal suitable for inclusion in any of the Watson Institute’s interdisciplinary undergraduate concentrations and/or affiliated social science departments (http://watson.brown.edu/education)
  The one-page class proposal should consist of title, level, 200-word description and a core reading list of up to 15 books or articles
- A copy of each graduate transcript

Eligibility and terms

The fellowship competition is open to candidates from the social sciences, including anthropology, economics, history, political science, and sociology. Scholars of all nationalities who received PhDs within three years of the application deadline are eligible to apply. For full application details see http://watson.brown.edu/education/postdoc.

For further information

For further information regarding the Watson Institute Post-Doctoral Fellows Program, please visit the Watson Institute website (http://watson.brown.edu) or contact: Professor Catherine Lutz, Faculty Director of the Watson Post-Doctoral Fellows Program, Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University at catherine_lutz@brown.edu; or Keith Brown, Director of Post-Doctoral and Undergraduate Policy Programs, Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Brown University at keith_brown@brown.edu.

For questions about the application process itself, please contact Watson-Applications@brown.edu.

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