

Call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications in the Population Sciences

Objectives

The purpose of this postdoctoral research training program is to provide rigorous training in the population sciences. The program focuses on five substantive areas:

- 1. Social, Medical, and Economic Demography of Aging
- 2. Population Health and Health Disparities;
- 3. Child and Human Development;
- 4. Family Demography;
- 5. Social and Economic Inequality

We are interested in postdoctoral fellows who use any modern method in their work including (a) Statistical and Mathematical Modeling, (b) Measurement of Biological Processes and Analyses of their Influence, (c) Analyses of Networks and their Influence and (d) Ethnography and Mixed Methods.

This postdoctoral fellowship is administered through the Duke Population Research Institute (DuPRI), an interdisciplinary research organization of Duke University. The program is directed by DuPRI members Linda K. George, Professor of Sociology and Kenneth C. Land, John Franklin Crowell Professor of Sociology and Demography. This position is conditional on continued availability of Duke University Funding.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed a doctoral degree in one of the social, behavioral, or policy sciences before beginning the fellowship. Training in demography or a commitment to acquiring such training in the postdoctoral appointment is essential. Fellows will be selected on the basis of academic excellence, prior record of accomplishments, potential to bring diverse ideas and experience in demography to Duke University, ability to interact successfully with a broad range of faculty members, and compatibility of research and interests with a sponsoring mentor. There is no requirement that applicants be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Application Information

Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vita, and samples of research writings electronically to Administrative Director, Heather Tipaldos, Duke Population Research Institute; email: heather.tipaldos@duke.edu. In the letter of application, please describe your research interests, an appropriate mentor for your training, and what you would hope to accomplish during your postdoctoral fellowship. Also required are three letters of recommendation. We prefer to receive recommendations via email.

Application Deadline

Postdoctoral appointments typically occur between May 15 and August 31, although there is some flexibility. Electronic applications must be received by Sunday, February 10, 2013. If additional slots are available, we will review late applications after March 1, 2013.

Terms and Expectations

Postdoctoral Fellows will be expected to develop and carry out a research project under the guidance of a faculty mentor affiliated with DuPRI, to attend a weekly DuPRI seminar and to attend Postdoctoral Professional development activities. Fellows normally are appointed for two years. Stipends range from \$39,264 to \$54,180 with the level determined by the National Institutes of Health guidelines that take into account years of research experience. In addition, Fellows receive grants for training related expenses (including health insurance costs and participation in research conferences and workshops) of \$7,850 per year.

