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Postdoctoral fellowship positions

Postdoctoral fellowships are available to work as part of an interdisciplinary network devoted to cultural evolution and to cognitive science. The [Social and Cultural Evolution Working Group](#) is a network of researchers from across the University of Pennsylvania united by an interest in social and cultural evolution. With support from [mindCORE](#), a hub for the study of human intelligence and behavior at Penn, the group has launched a new initiative for investigating the cognitive bases of social and cultural evolution. We are seeking enthusiastic and talented individuals to conduct original research on topics related to this area using naturalistic real-world data, laboratory experimentation, or computational and mathematical modeling.

The successful candidates will be assigned a mentoring committee based on their research focus, but will be expected to operate with considerable intellectual independence, to interact widely with relevant faculty at Penn, and to play a key role in facilitating interdisciplinary exchange. The fellows are also expected to take a leading role in organizing an annual workshop at Penn devoted to social and cultural evolution.

The specific area of research is flexible, provided it is clearly relevant to the cognitive bases of social and cultural evolution, and will be determined in agreement between each postdoctoral fellow and their mentoring committee. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in social or cultural evolution, a Ph.D. in a related field (including, but not limited to, psychology, biology, linguistics, economics, anthropology, etc.), and will have demonstrated ability to conduct original and creative research.

Salary and benefits

Fellows will receive a competitive salary and health insurance plus a modest research and travel budget. Fellows also benefit from access to a wide community of academics and leading research facilities on an urban campus in a vibrant city. They will join a growing team of [mindCORE](#)-associated postdoctoral fellows, and are invited to join regular working group meetings within their field, plus career development workshops aimed at young researchers. Funding is guaranteed for one year and can be renewed for two further years, contingent on satisfactory progress.

Application

To apply, please follow [this link](#) to send us a CV, a statement of research interests (1 page) that mentions potential faculty collaborators, a representative paper or manuscript, and contact information for three references by 30 April, 2019. We will continue to consider applications until the position is filled. Please send informal inquiries to SCEW-postdoc-applications@sas.upenn.edu

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