Postdoctoral Scholar - Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS)

The Columbia Population Research Center, a cross-campus center located at the Columbia University School of Social Work, is seeking a postdoctoral scholar with a PhD in economics, public policy, demography, social work, sociology, or a related discipline, to work with faculty and researchers on the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS). FFCWS is a longitudinal study of a diverse cohort of children born in 20 large US cities between 1998 and 2000, with surveys conducted at birth, age 1, age 3, age 5, age 9, and age 15. Surveys of the young adults at age 22 will begin in fall 2020 and will collect new data on the young adults’ households, relationships, employment, education, identity, health, and systems involvement (in particular, child welfare and juvenile justice). FFCWS is co-led at Princeton and Columbia Universities. Faculty and researchers involved at Columbia include: Irv Garfinkel, Ron Mincy, Julien Teitler, Jane Waldfogel, and Chris Wimer. The postdoc will work with faculty and researchers to conduct analyses of earlier waves of data on child and adolescent experiences and outcomes and, as the age 22 data become available, to extend those analyses to age 22 experiences and outcomes. The postdoc will also participate in the FFCWS seminars, working groups, data workshops, new collaborative projects under development, survey and questionnaire development, and emerging analytic work on foundation grants. The postdoctoral fellowship is initially for one year, with the option to renew for an additional year(s) contingent on performance and funding.

Please submit the following materials to cprc@columbia.edu:

• Cover letter
• CV or resume
• Sample paper or publication
• Three letters of recommendation

Each application will be evaluated on the following criteria:

• The degree of fit of research interests
• Expertise in one or more focal areas (e.g. systems involvement, employment, education, health)
• How the postdoctoral training will help to further the postdoctoral scholar’s research trajectory
• Demonstrated record of work with quantitative data
• Experience with FFCWS and/or other longitudinal data
• Strength of letters of support

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Candidates from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

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