

**Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Science & Technology Studies**  
**Academic Years 2019 - 2021**  
**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

With the sponsorship of the Society for the Humanities, the Department of Science & Technology Studies invites applications for a two-year Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship position beginning July 1, 2019. The fellowship offers a stipend of \$53,000/year.

Cornell's Department of Science & Technology Studies seeks research projects relating to the topic of public health. Even a cursory scan of the news reveals urgent and complex public health issues around the globe, often combining with environmental, social, and political issues in ways that threaten lives, render land uninhabitable, and tax political and economic systems. Race, gender, sexuality, and wealth disparities are often woven through these issues. From the drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan, to Ebola outbreaks in West Africa, to healthcare for refugee migrations worldwide, understanding public health crises requires attention to governance, culture, and human struggle – analyses that push well beyond the front-line work of epidemiology and environmental monitoring. For this position, we define public health broadly. Just a few areas of focus could include health disparities, politics and health, migrant or refugee health, epidemiological surveillance (including data and computational techniques), and climate change and health. Disciplinary and methodological areas are open, but they must be consistent with qualitative historical, sociological, anthropological, political, and feminist methods of science and technology studies.

Postdoctoral Fellows teach one course per semester. Candidates should propose an introductory, 2000-level course designed to appeal to students from across the University, and an upper, 4000-level course designed primarily for Science & Technology Studies students and advanced undergraduates in related fields. These courses should be conceived of as smaller seminars, and can reflect the fellow's particular research interests. Examples of recent courses with significant public health content include "What is (an) Epidemic? Infectious Diseases in Historical, Social, and Political Perspective"; "Life Science and Society"; "Ethical Issues in Health and Medicine"; and "Science, Technology, and Politics."

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants eligible for the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years include those who have received the Ph.D. degree after September 1, 2013 and no later than June 30, 2019. Applicants who do not have the Ph.D. in hand at the time of application must include a letter from the committee chair or department stating that the Ph.D. degree will be conferred before the term of the fellowship begins. International applicants are welcome to apply, contingent upon visa eligibility.

### **Application Procedures**

The following application materials must be submitted via Academic Jobs Online position #11625, <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/11625>, by **November 1, 2018**.

1. Cover page (will be generated via your AJO account):
  - (a) Full name and home institution
  - (b) Date (or expected date) of Ph.D
  - (c) Research interest(s)
  - (d) Referees' names and emails
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Detailed statement of research interests
4. Statement of teaching experience and methods
5. Course proposal with sample syllabus for introductory, 2000-level course
6. Course proposal with sample syllabus for upper, 4000-level course
7. One writing sample [30-page limit]
8. Letter of degree conferral (only for applicants who do not have the Ph.D. in hand by November 1, 2018)
9. Three letters of recommendation. Please ask referees to upload their letters directly through the link provided by Academic Jobs Online. Letters must be received on or before **November 1, 2018**.

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Mellon Postdoctoral Fellows are invited to attend all of the Society's events, and expected to participate in the Society's weekly Wednesday Fellows Seminar and luncheon.

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