Postdoctoral Fellowship of Interdisciplinary Social Science Research

NYU Shanghai

Job Description:

We are recruiting a postdoc for the project “Growing up in China: Cohort 2021 Study” at NYU Shanghai. This is a 2-year renewable appointment. The successful applicant will work with a faculty group from multiple disciplines to design and implement the project and conduct a pilot study. The cross-disciplinary project aims to uncover sociological, psychological, neural, and epigenetic processes of the intergenerational transmission and accumulation of advantages and disadvantages in the Chinese context, with important implications for public policies to boost birth rate, alleviate poverty, reduce educational disparity, and promote long-term social mobility. It will follow newborn children through first grade to collect comprehensive data on early child development outcomes in physical, neural, cognitive, social and emotional development domains within multiple social contexts in which children grow up, including parental and non-parental care, kindergarteners/schools, community, and state policies.

Responsibilities:

The fellowship will involve a diverse set of tasks...

1. Develop and manage a detailed project schedule and work plan, monitor progress and make adjustments as needed, provide project updates on a consistent basis to various stakeholders about strategy, adjustments, and progress, and measure project performance to identify areas for improvement. (15%)
2. Work with the faculty group on questionnaire and survey instrument design, and work with a technology team to implement the instrument. (25%)
3. Coordinate IRB protocols: writing, submission, maintenance and compliance. Apply and obtain IRB approval for the study. (15%)
4. Serve as a liaison for research partners, government offices, and other stakeholders, assist with grant submission: explore funding opportunities, assist in submission, manage deadlines. (15%)
5. Conduct a pilot study using the instrument. (10%)
6. Professional development --- writing his/her own research publications, gaining teaching experiences, etc. (20%)

Qualifications:

Required Education

The successful applicant should have a Ph.D. or ABD in social science (education, psychology, sociology) or a related field.
Required Experience

Successful candidates should have strong training in social sciences and demonstrate strong research, organizational and project management skills. Must have the ability to work and communicate with diverse internal and external stakeholders in individual and group settings. Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

A good command of written and spoken English and Chinese is highly preferred. Excellent planning, organizational, and communication skills. Highly motivated and goal oriented. Training in quantitative methods will be a plus.

Application process:

Interested applicants should send a C.V., two recommendation letters and a cover letter addressing research and academic interests to zhonglin@nyu.edu. We will continue to review applications until the position is filled. Fellowship can begin as early as April 1, 2021. Please visit our website at https://shanghai.nyu.edu/about/work/fellowships for instructions and other information on how to apply. If you have any questions, please e-mail zhonglin@nyu.edu.

About NYU Shanghai:

NYU Shanghai is the third degree-granting campus within New York University’s global network. It is the first higher education joint venture in China authorized to grant degrees that are accredited in the U.S. as well as in China. All teaching is conducted in English. A research university with liberal arts and science at its core, it resides in one of the world's great cities with a vibrant intellectual community. NYU Shanghai recruits scholars of the highest caliber who are committed to NYU’s global vision of transformative teaching and innovative research and who embody the global society in which we live.

NYU’s global network includes degree-granting campuses in New York, Shanghai, and Abu Dhabi, complemented by eleven additional academic centers across five continents. Faculty and students circulate within the network in pursuit of common research interests and cross-cultural, interdisciplinary endeavors, both local and global.

NYU Shanghai is an equal opportunity employer committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. We strongly encourage applications from individuals who are under-represented in the profession, across color, creed, race, ethnic and national origin, physical ability, and gender and sexual identity. NYU Shanghai affirms the value of differing perspectives on the world as we strive to build the strongest possible university with the widest reach.

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