The Harold T. Shapiro Postdoctoral Fellowship in Bioethics

Application Deadline: Thursday December 5, 2019

The Princeton University Center for Human Values invites applications for the Harold T. Shapiro Postdoctoral Fellowship in Bioethics for a possible opening in September 2020. The Shapiro Fellowship supports outstanding scholars studying ethical issues arising from developments in medicine, the biological sciences, or population health. We particularly encourage proposals focusing on problems of practical importance that have broader theoretical interest.

The Shapiro Fellow will spend from one to three years at Princeton conducting research and teaching the equivalent of one course each year (subject to sufficient enrollments and approval by the Dean of the Faculty). He or she will participate in the Ira W. DeCamp Seminar in Bioethics and will be invited to participate in other activities of the University Center for Human Values including a year-long research seminar for visiting fellows and Center faculty.

Qualifications

Applicants must have completed all the requirements for the Ph.D., M.D., or other equivalent doctoral degree by the start date, and should not have more than two years of postdoctoral experience by that date. An applicant may have a background in any area of ethical studies, not necessarily in bioethics. However, the proposed research plan should be related to the field of bioethics.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the applicant’s previous accomplishments and the promise of the proposed research project in bioethics. The capacity to contribute to the University’s teaching program will also be taken into account.

Term of Appointment

The term of the fellowship is one year, normally beginning September 1, 2020, with the possibility of renewal for up to two additional years pending satisfactory performance. Appointment will be made to the rank of Postdoctoral Research Associate; the Shapiro Fellow will also carry the title of Lecturer, if teaching. Princeton University offers competitive salary and employee benefits.

How to Apply

Candidates must submit an online application at https://www.princeton.edu/acad-positions/position/12363.
A complete application will include the following supporting materials:

1. A curriculum vitae;
2. A research proposal (not to exceed 1,500 words). Please provide an indicative title in the heading;
3. A scholarly paper (of no more than 12,000 words, not including bibliography) representing the applicant’s scholarly achievement or potential;
4. Contact information for two referees, who should be prepared to comment specifically about the applicant’s qualifications for the proposed research project. Referees will be contacted directly with instructions for uploading letters of reference.

These materials must be submitted online by the application deadline of Thursday, December 5, 2019, 11:59 p.m. EST. We do not accept application materials by any other method. Letters of reference should be submitted by Thursday, December 12, 2019. If a vacancy for this position is confirmed, the selection committee will begin reviewing applications immediately so letters of reference received after the priority deadline may put candidates at a disadvantage.

Decisions will be announced in late April 2020. This position is subject to the University’s background check policy.

Princeton University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.