Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

The Ford Foundation Climate Justice Research Project

Dartmouth College

[Two positions]

The Climate Justice Research Project at Dartmouth College, supported in part by a grant from the Ford Foundation, seeks two post-doctoral fellows to advance the research on and teaching about climate change, development and the economy. As the vulnerability of poor and marginalized communities is often exacerbated by "market solutions" to climate change, the Climate Justice Research Project seeks to develop tools and analysis that will ensure climate change mitigation will occur in a just and equitable manner. The project draws a comprehensive picture of regulatory and economic development approaches to climate change, existing and planned; it will identify gaps in those resources and suggest new tools to steer change.

Fellow: The project seeks two full-time post-doctoral research fellows to use current data to study the emergence of US carbon markets' and their potential effects on low-income and marginalized communities; and to a lesser extent how US carbon markets are interlocked with existing international markets. The project is especially interested in the ways in which regulation, compliance and enforcement in emerging carbon trading markets shape chances for climate justice oriented policy making. Post-doctoral research fellows will analyze policies with a justice/equity focus towards understanding alternatives to market-only approaches which better facilitate carbon emissions reductions, green economy revenue generation, and confront a host of other institutional issues to avert worsening climate change impacts on vulnerable and marginalized people.

Each grant-funded position involves a combination of research, co-teaching and fundraising. It requires a commitment to, as well as knowledge of and experience in, action research, multi-stakeholder processes, and participant observation. It also requires familiarity with and some experience in multilateral negotiations. Candidates must be available to take part in domestic and international travel to relevant and related climate meetings. The position starts July 1, 2009 (the start date has limited flexibility). It is a 12-month appointment with the possibility of renewal, pending year-end review and further funding.

Successful candidates would work under the direction of professor Michael K. Dorsey (Principal Investigator) and in association with the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College.

Qualifications: Ph.D. (completed no later than start date) or equivalent in Environmental Policy, Geography, Policy Studies, Environmental Studies or Science with an emphasis on policy, political ecology, economics, environmental anthropology/ethnology, environmental sociology and/or
regulatory concerns.

Application: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience; benefits are included.

The application should include a short introductory letter accompanied by 1) a two- to four-page statement of research goals and the relationship between the candidate’s goals and this program of research; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) three letters of recommendation including at least one from a dissertation advisor; and 4) at least one sample publication. These should be mailed or emailed to (electronic submission is preferred):

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