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Postdoctoral fellowship program in Science of Climate Communication at the Penn Center for Science, Sustainability and the Media in collaboration with the Climate Communication Division at the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania

The Penn Center for Science, Sustainability and the Media (PCSSM), in collaboration with the Climate Communication Division (CCD) at the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania (APPC) is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic or 2025 calendar year.

The Fellow will be part of PCSSM in the Penn School of Arts & Sciences (SAS), and will work closely both with other fellows and senior researchers in PCSSM and APPC/CCD on scholarship designed to understand basic problems (e.g., source credibility, communication processes, attitude change, belief formation, conspiracy theories, and misinformation debunking) in the specific arena of climate change and climate solutions, though linkages with other areas of science denial (e.g. vaccines, and COVID-19) are appropriate as well. The program is interdisciplinary and is currently led by climate scientist and APPC scholar and inaugural Director of PCSSM, Dr. Michael E. Mann. There is potential for collaboration with Climate Communication Division (directed by Dr. Emily Falk) and other groups at Penn (e.g., Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, Penn Water Center, Perry World House) pending on research focus.

Applicants should submit a cover letter as well as a curriculum vitae, a letter of reference from their dissertation advisor, and a description of the applicant's scholarly interests. Two more references will be requested later in the process. First-year fellows will receive a stipend of \$66,300 and serve in a 12-month appointment, beginning September 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026 (start date for summer 2025 will be considered). An allowance of up to \$1,500 will be provided to offset pre-approved, receipt-documented relocation expenses, and PCSSM will reimburse up to \$2,000 in travel to high-level conferences to present PCSSM research. Postdocs and their dependents are eligible for health insurance under the University of Pennsylvania's plans outlined here: <https://www.hr.upenn.edu/PennHR/benefits-pay/postdoctoral-researchers-and-fellows>. Renewal for a second year is contingent upon performance and budgetary considerations.

We are seeking fellows who apply a variety of disciplinary and methodological approaches, and have completed a Ph.D. in a social, behavioral, physical or computational science within the last five years.

Please send the application materials to upenncssm@sas.upenn.edu with subject title "PCSSM Post Doc". The letter of reference should be sent to the same email address by the dissertation adviser. Questions about current lines of research or other academic aspects may be directed to PCSSM Senior Research Coordinator Heather Kostick at hkostick@upenn.edu.

The application deadline is January 20, 2025 for a summer or September 1, 2025 start. However, decisions will be made on a rolling basis so applications in advance of deadlines are encouraged.