**Teaching Fellows in the Social Sciences**

***A Program of Professional and Pedagogical Development***

Call for Applications

The Social Sciences Division invites applications from current and recent graduate students in the Division for a competitive two-year program designed to enhance pedagogical skills and extend research training. Candidates should have demonstrated excellence in their original scholarship, as well as in teaching. Successful candidates will be appointed as part-time Lecturers to teach four courses per year at the undergraduate level (a combination of general education “Core” courses and teaching within disciplinary majors that will make a significant contribution to the undergraduate curriculum in their field of study) with a starting salary of $45,500. Fellows must also participate in a structured program of professional development under the joint supervision of the Chicago Center for Teaching (CCT) and their faculty mentor in a relevant Social Sciences Division department. Each Fellow will be provided with work space, library privileges, and access to placement services. Fellows must be in-residence on campus during the three quarters of the academic year. Teaching Fellows positions are part-time in order to allow Fellows time outside of work to pursue research and opportunities for career advancement. The terms and conditions of employment for this position are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the University.

**Program Eligibility**: In order to be eligible for the Teaching Fellows in the Social Sciences program (TFSS) applicants must:

1. have received or be on track to complete and receive the PhD within 7 years of matriculation into a PhD program of the Social Sciences Division, as confirmed by the chair of the department; *students who were on pro forma status to undertake 9-12 months of field research and are on track to receive the PhD within 8 years of matriculation as confirmed by the chair of the department are also eligible to apply*
2. have matriculated no earlier than Summer 2012[[1]](#footnote-2) and have completed all requirements for the PhD before the start of Autumn Quarter 2019, but not before Spring Quarter 2018;
3. have matriculated no earlier than Summer 2011 and were in pro forma status for 9-12 months of field research and have complete all requirements for the PhD before the start of Autumn Quarter 2019, but not before Spring Quarter 2018.
4. identify a faculty sponsor who will commit to participate fully as a mentor during the program.

**Application Process**: Applications must be submitted through ACO (Academic Career Opportunities) at <https://academiccareers.uchicago.edu>. The posting may be accessed at **https://tinyurl.com/y7jo8gtq**. Review of Applications will begin on **March 1, 2019** and will continue until the position is filled or until the application deadline of May 30, 2019. Early submission is recommended. Each application must include:

1. detailed cover letter;
2. statement of teaching philosophy, and a proposed teaching plan, including a description of the Core sequences and/or Departmental classes in which the Fellow would like to teach (for Core course descriptions consult: <http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/socialsciences/>);
3. current CV;
4. current UChicago transcript (unofficial transcripts acceptable);
5. if applying under the eighth-year field work provision, provide a brief statement explaining the nature of the 9-12 months of fieldwork that you undertook under pro forma status endorsed by your departmental chair;
6. reference letter from the Department Chair (submitted directly to ACO), providing 1) confirmation of the applicant’s progress to timely completion of degree for participation in the program, 2) assessment of the applicant’s teaching and scholarship, including the role this fellowship will play in supporting the applicant’s qualifications for the job market, 3) a brief discussion of how the applicant’s teaching in the department aligns with the department’s curriculum and major, and how it will be supervised by the department; and 4) a departmental endorsement of any application submitted under the eighth year field work provision.
7. reference letter from the proposed Faculty Mentor (submitted directly to ACO), providing 1) assessment of the applicant’s teaching and scholarship, including the role this fellowship will play in supporting the applicant’s qualifications for the job market; 2) affirmation of the Faculty member’s commitment to mentoring the fellow in his or her teaching in the major and/or in the Core (see TFSS Mentorship Agreement for description of mentoring responsibilities).

**Selection Process**: All applications will be reviewed by the TFSS committee, which includes two faculty members from the Social Sciences Division designated by the Dean to review applicants to the Teaching Fellow program, the Master of the Social Science Collegiate Division, the Deputy Dean of the Social Sciences Division, the Dean of Students of the Social Sciences Division, and the Director of the Chicago Center for Teaching.

**Notification and Start of Program**: Successful Teaching Fellows and alternates will be notified in May 2019. The Fellow’s appointment will begin Autumn Quarter 2019 and will be for a period of up to two years. **Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of all requirements for the PhD before the start of fall quarter of the first year of the program.**

1. Those who matriculated in earlier years but received leaves of absence may be eligible. Please consult the Dean of Students. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)