

EXPANDED CALL FOR TEACHING FELLOWS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

A Program of Professional and Pedagogical Development

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Social Sciences Division will extend the call for the Teaching Fellows program during the 2020-21 academic year to students who will have graduated no later than August, 2020 and no earlier than August, 2019, and have completed the PhD in 9-12 years of initial matriculation into the PhD program.

The Social Sciences Division invites applications from current and recent University of Chicago graduate students in the Division for a competitive two-year program designed to enhance their pedagogical skills and research profiles. 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, which will likely include a combination of general education “Core” courses and courses in the undergraduate curriculum within majors and programs that relate to Fellows’ expertise. The starting salary is \$46,000. Fellows must also participate in a structured program of professional development under the supervision of the Faculty Director of the Social Sciences Teaching Fellows program, the Chicago Center for Teaching (CCT), and their faculty mentor in a relevant Social Sciences Division department. Each Fellow will be provided with a 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 to allow Fellows time to pursue their research agendas 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 9-12 years of matriculation into a PhD program of the Social Sciences Division, as confirmed by the chair of the department
2. candidates must graduate no later than August, 2020 and no earlier than August, 2019. To fulfill this requirement, all departmental requirements for the PhD must be fulfilled and the dissertation filed by the university’s summer, 2020 deadline (which is Friday, July 31).
3. identify a faculty sponsor who will commit to participate fully as a mentor during the program. Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek out a faculty mentor who is not the dissertation chair.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted through Interfolio at apply.interfolio.com/71585. Applications are due on **January 15, 2020**. Early submission is recommended. Each application must include:

1. short cover letter; one-page teaching proposal that makes the case for a slate of four courses that the candidate is prepared to teach. By mid-December, a “menu” of teaching needs will be posted on <https://voices.uchicago.edu/sstfcoursemenu>
2. Please refer to this password protected site in making your course proposals. Candidates should indicate if their proposed classes meet a specific and stated need of a department, program, or core sequence. Please include in your proposal at least one or two Core courses; candidates should highlight previous (or planned) teaching experience in a proposed Core sequence. (for Core course descriptions consult: <http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/thecollege/socialsciences/>);
3. current CV;
4. current UChicago transcript (unofficial transcripts acceptable);
5. A brief reference letter from the Department Chair (submitted directly to Interfolio), 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.
6. reference letter from the proposed faculty mentor (submitted directly to Interfolio), 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 responsibilities and professional development.

Selection Process: All applications will be reviewed by the TFSS committee. The selection process will include interviews in February, 2020. Those contacted for interviews may be asked to submit their dissertation in present form at that point, as well as teaching materials and a professional development plan for the two-year term of the Teaching Fellowship.

Notification and Start of Program: Successful Teaching Fellows and alternates will be notified in March 2020. The Fellow’s appointment will begin Autumn Quarter 2020 and will be for a period of up to two years. **Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of the PhD by August 2020 but not before August 2019.**