This position is only available through the ACLS Public Fellows program. You may not contact the host institution to inquire about this position.

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1969, The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) is the leading science-based nonprofit working for a healthy environment and a safer world. UCS combines independent scientific research and citizen action to develop innovative, practical solutions and to secure responsible changes in government policy, corporate practices, and consumer choices. UCS has an annual operating budget of approximately $23 million, a professional staff of 135, and more than 350,000 members and activists.

Center for Science and Democracy is a new UCS initiative designed to re-establish science as a cornerstone of the American democracy. It is premised on the fact that science and democracy share a set of precepts and values that guided the formation and maturation of our democracy, and the belief that pragmatic public policy, drawing upon the most reliable scientific and technical knowledge available, should continue to be a hallmark of democracy in the United States. In establishing the center, UCS seeks to restore broad demand for, and confidence in, the use of independent science as a key to effective public policy and governance, and marginalize efforts to misrepresent scientific evidence. To this end, UCS will facilitate collaborations among experts across disciplines to inform, engage and motivate citizens and decision-makers to value and support a strong role for science in public policy. The work of the Center includes a new series of Science and Democracy Forums, convening experts and practitioners together at major academic centers to tackle key obstacles to science-based policy-making.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under the supervision of the Director of the Center for Science and Democracy, the Democracy Analyst will apply his/her background as a scholar to shaping the design and implementation of the Center. The Analyst’s activities will include:

- fostering relationships between scientists and thought leaders in the humanities and humanistic social sciences with relevant expertise in the core values and history of American democracy,
- identifying areas at the intersection of science and the humanities where cross-disciplinary dialogue can further the work of the Center,
- designing and participating in one or more Science and Democracy Forums, and assessing their impact,
- representing the Center and its activities at relevant meetings of professional societies,
raising awareness among UCS staff of the applicable approaches and understandings of the humanities and humanistic social sciences to the Center and related work of UCS through internal briefings and dialogue,

- taking on additional priority work of the Center as identified by the Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD in an appropriate discipline of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences.
- Excellent research and analytic skills.
- Strong written and communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
- A commitment to understanding the interface of science and democracy and help provide practical solutions.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the ACLS Public Fellows Program: [www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)
- Have to be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6pm EDT