ACLs Leading Edge Fellowship

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<td>Stipend:</td>
<td>$60,000 per year, plus health insurance and professional development funding</td>
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**ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION**

The Center for Popular Democracy works to create equity, opportunity, and a dynamic democracy in partnership with high-impact base-building organizations, organizing alliances, and progressive unions. CPD strengthens our collective capacity to envision and win an innovative pro-worker, pro-immigrant, racial and economic justice agenda. We work with a remarkably strong cohort of 53 affiliates and partners in 131 cities across 34 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC. Learn more at https://www.populardemocracy.org/

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Over the last few years, climate change has skyrocketed to be one of the top issues that local, state, and federal governments are beginning to seriously address, largely due to successful grassroots organizing and other advocacy, including a number of CPD affiliate organizations. These affiliates are rooted in frontline communities, particularly low-income communities of color and immigrant communities that are the most vulnerable to catastrophic climate impacts. These communities are also on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic—as frontline workers and as those most impacted by the current health and economic crises.

This project will provide strategic research support to CPD and its affiliates to build a portfolio of federal, state, and local campaigns advocating for just transition policies, particularly as a means of recovering from the economic crises caused by the pandemic and the fossil fuel economy. Just transition policies would transition the United States off of fossil fuels—a sector that has notably been kept afloat by tax breaks and subsidies, including CARES Act funding—while building a green economy that centers on the creation of millions of good jobs for communities on the frontlines of both the climate and pandemic disasters. The fellow will help develop and lead this multi-state research and policy project in coordination with affiliate organizations. This is a full-time commitment for the fellowship year, including dedicated time for professional development activities.

**Responsibilities and tasks:**

- Strategic research on federal, state, and local campaigns advocating for just transition policies;
- Develop and produce 3-5 policy briefs for use by CPD’s affiliates;
- Participate in research team weekly meetings;
- Coordinate with affiliate organizations to conduct research

This position is **only** available through the Leading Edge Fellowship program. You may **not** contact the host institution to inquire about this position.
Qualifications:

- PhD in any field of the humanities or humanistic social sciences. Read more about eligible fields [here](https://www.acls.org/Competitions-and-Deadlines/Leading-Edge-Fellowships);
- Project management experience;
- Ability to write for a policy audience;
- A commitment to racial and economic justice

Preferred:

- Experience working with grassroots groups to co-conceive and drive projects forward.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Leading Edge Fellowship Program: [https://www.acls.org/Competitions-and-Deadlines/Leading-Edge-Fellowships](https://www.acls.org/Competitions-and-Deadlines/Leading-Edge-Fellowships)
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: 9pm EDT, May 6, 2021