

Mellon/ACLS  
PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM 

<b>Job Title:</b>	International Campaign Advocate
<b>Organization:</b>	Natural Resources Defense Council
<b>Location:</b>	Washington, DC
<b>Stipend:</b>	\$67,500 with health insurance for the fellow
<b>Start Date:</b>	September 1, 2017

### ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is the nation's most effective environmental action group, combining the grassroots power of more than 2 million members and online activists with the courtroom clout and expertise of nearly 500 lawyers, scientists, and other professionals to fight for the planet and its people in the halls of Congress, communities across the country, and nations around the globe. Since NRDC was founded in 1970, our staff have helped write some of America's bedrock environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act and many of the implementation regulations; our water enforcement cases played a major role shaping current water policy throughout the country. Today, our staff—a force for nature—work out of offices in New York City; Washington, DC; Chicago; Los Angeles; San Francisco; Bozeman, Montana; and Beijing. Please visit [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org) to learn more.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The International Campaign Advocate will work with NRDC's Canada and Latin America teams on their priority campaigns to protect special areas and wildlife in the Western hemisphere: The Canada team's campaign to protect the boreal forest, and the Latin America team's campaign to save the rivers and waters of Chilean Patagonia. Despite the latitudinal differences, these two efforts involve many similar activities and require similar skills, offering the international campaign advocate the opportunity to draw connections between two otherwise different issues. This role will work directly with our Canada and Latin America teams, as well as with the variety of programs and departments our teams collaborate with closely (e.g. Lands and Wildlife, Climate Center, Voces Verdes, Communications, Campaigns, etc.).

Job responsibilities:

- Work closely with coalition partners, allies, Canadian First Nations, and other stakeholders to coordinate and implement campaign strategies to achieve stronger environmental protections in the Canadian boreal forest and Latin America;
- Develop communications strategies and content for a variety of audiences, including public officials, partners, media, and the public, for use across different platforms;
- Engage US government agencies and congressional offices to advocate for actions that would support stronger environmental policies in Canada and Latin America;
- Work with the Canada and Latin America teams to develop strategies to achieve our conservation goals and stronger environmental policies at the local, provincial, and national level;
- Support the development and execution of the Canada project's corporate campaign in the boreal forest to preserve intact forest areas and protect threatened boreal species and support global sustainable forestry practices;

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

- Engage U.S. companies purchasing forest products to support sustainable forestry procurement practices; and
- Research and draft reports, briefing papers, fact sheets, issue briefs, talking points, and other documents advancing the goals of the boreal campaign and the Latin America project.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Required:

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- Excellent research, writing, speaking, and analytic skills;
- Skill in project planning, organization, and time management;
- Strong attention to detail, accuracy, and thoroughness;
- Ability to work collaboratively and effectively with internal colleagues and coalition partners;
- Ability to synthesize research and data into coherent and compelling narratives for nontechnical/nonacademic stakeholders;
- Creative thinking and resourcefulness, with a desire to develop innovative approaches to problems;
- Ability to work with diverse communities and cultures; and
- A commitment to safeguarding the earth—its people, its wildlife, and its ecosystems.

### Preferred:

- Experience in policy advocacy, policy research and analysis, coalition building, or a related field;
- Multicultural experience and cross-cultural competency;
- Advanced Spanish or French language skills are a plus but not necessary; and
- Interest in international travel.

## APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program:  
[www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: March 22, 2017, 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time