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PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM 

Job Title:	Global Science Officer
Organization:	Smithsonian Institution Office of International Relations
Location:	Washington, DC
Stipend:	\$67,500 with health insurance for the fellow, professional development funds, and relocation allowance
Start Date:	September 4, 2018

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Smithsonian Institution (SI) is the world's largest museum and research institution—including 19 museums, nine research centers, 20 libraries, and the National Zoo. The Institution is also a global organization, working across art, history, culture, science and education in more than 130 countries—all in the service of the Smithsonian's mission: the increase and diffusion of knowledge. The Smithsonian's Office of International Relations (OIR) serves as the central point for advice, insight, analysis, and coordination of Smithsonian international activities. OIR is the central external representative of international programs for the Institution and leads institutional relationships with US government and international organizations, including the US Department of State, the US Agency for International Development, foreign embassies, and other governmental and private organizations in the United States and abroad. With the mandate to build new opportunities to expand our international programs and reach, OIR works in concert with museums and programs in setting international strategy for the institution, developing and implementing programs, and communicating our impact. Learn more at www.global.si.edu.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Global Science Officer will report directly to the Senior Manager, International Science to develop strategic plans and carry out activities related to Smithsonian programs in international biodiversity conservation, landscape management, ecosystem services, climate change research, wildlife health and "one health" programs, as well as other global scientific programs throughout the Smithsonian. The goal of these programs will be to highlight the Smithsonian Institution's thought leadership in these areas while broadening networks and addressing emerging areas of needed scholarship and activities.

The specific focus of the officer's work will depend on his/her areas of interest. Together with the broader team at the Office of International Relations, and based on his/her background, the officer will consult with Smithsonian scientists, managers, and other experts around an area of strategic focus for Smithsonian's international scientific programs, formulate a strategy on how to broaden and strengthen the Smithsonian's programs and approach in this area, look at questions of resourcing and partnerships, and have the opportunity to carry out plans and related activities. The officer will be responsible for taking emerging scientific programs, ideas, research and debates and creatively identifying actionable means to bring them to key audiences in ways that provoke conversation and lead to positive action for the environment, biodiversity, and human livelihoods. The officer will collaborate closely with OIR leadership and leaders from SI science units—including the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, the National Zoo, the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, the Smithsonian Tropical Biology Institute, and the National Museum of Natural History.

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This fellow will have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of scientific issues. Current high priority areas of focus across the Smithsonian that are ripe for additional exploration include, as examples, Arctic studies and conservation, sustainable agricultural production and food security, climate change adaptation and resilience, global health, ecosystem services, science education and capacity building, and community livelihoods and opportunities from effective conservation.

Key duties and responsibilities:

- Interviewing Smithsonian scientists about their current work and plans for future expansion;
- Conducting desk research to quickly gain a nuanced understanding of various scientific disciplines, trends and opportunities for partnership;
- Nurturing partnerships with leading organizations to develop effective collaborations;
- Writing of single- and co-authored thought leadership white papers, articles for the general public, blogs which address areas of focus;
- Identifying and coordinating speaking opportunities for OIR and/or SI scientific experts;
- Convening symposia and conferences around strategic areas of focus and, as necessary, writing proposals to secure funding for such activities;
- Developing plans for expanded and longer-term fellowship programs that support international strategies of the Institution; and
- Pending availability of funding, traveling internationally to work with and experience our international programs in order to more effectively write about them, or traveling to attend international symposia and convenings.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- A record of academic excellence and unstoppable intellectual curiosity;
- Ability to be a strong team player, to contribute to positive working environments, to work independently and in groups;
- High level of skill in written and oral communications;
- Facility in communicating complex scholarly arguments and information;
- Tact and diplomacy in working with senior officials from diverse backgrounds; and
- Flexibility and humility when learning new skills and information.

Preferred

- Experience living, studying, or working abroad and fluency in at least one foreign language, written and spoken;
- Prior experience in proposal development;
- Prior experience in grants management, fundraising, donor cultivation or development; and
- Prior experience working with, or exposure to, programs in scientific disciplines.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program:
www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: March 14, 2018, 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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