



ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship

Position Title:	Policy and Research Analyst
Organization:	Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)
Location:	Los Angeles, CA (In person)
Stipend:	\$66,000 in year one, \$70,000 in year two, plus health insurance, \$3,500 per year in professional development funding, and up to \$5,000 for relocation costs
Start Date:	September 2023

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

[SAJE](#) has been building economic power for working class people in Los Angeles since 2001. Our mission is to build community leadership and power for economic justice. Our vision is a society where economic benefits and opportunities are equitably distributed, where communities are stable, and where workers and tenants have the same rights, stature, and decision-making power as corporations and property owners. Under an umbrella of “urban land reform,” SAJE’s goals are guided by a vision that all people have a right to the city, and that we can build a movement for change that addresses the root causes and conditions of structural oppression, leading to the creation of a just economy.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

SAJE seeks a Policy and Research Analyst to improve equity through improved land use and tenant policies in Los Angeles. The Analyst will expand their knowledge base by working with campaign staff, attending community meetings, reading extensively on housing and land use policy, understanding the history of housing disputes and campaigns in Los Angeles and the United States, and understanding the lives and histories of community residents and SAJE members. With this increased understanding, the Analyst will produce materials that can support our current campaigns on land use (regulation of corporate ownership of housing, control of public land for public good, and improving climate infrastructure in South Los Angeles) and help change the narrative about housing and equity in Los Angeles and beyond. The Analyst will support the curricula development for two core community meetings per year in English; support the research and writing of 3-4 reports (with other staff members); write 4-6 blog posts; and draft one paper for a peer-reviewed conference or publication. This role will provide relevant experience in policy development, civic engagement, labor sector research, and communications. A fellow can expect to gain a better understanding of how communications works in a nonprofit or government setting; to learn how to develop materials on complex subjects for general readership; and gain deep ethnographic experience in the social justice realm. The fellowship tenure is 24 consecutive months, with an expected time commitment of approximately 37.5 hours per week.

Responsibilities & Tasks:

- Research and develop expertise on housing and land use policy, focusing on land use and policy in Los Angeles.
- Learn from campaign staff and in community meetings about relevant issues.
- Support the research and development of accurate talking points and other information for campaigns and prepare public presentations about campaign issues.
- Support the curricula development for two community meetings per year in English.
- Support the research and writing of 3-4 reports with other staff members.
- Write a minimum of 4-6 blog posts.

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- Draft one paper for a peer-reviewed conference or publication.

Qualifications:

- PhD in any field of the humanities or humanistic social sciences. Read more about eligible fields [here](#).
- Dedication to social justice and alignment with SAJE's mission and values.
- Qualitative analysis and interviewing skills.
- Information literacy and ability to write and speak convincingly about quantitative data.
- Interest in land use, housing policy, tenant's rights and/or urban land reform.

Preferred:

- Training in political economy, economics or sociological methods, including ethnographic fieldwork
- Quantitative data analysis skills and experience, including the ability to interpret and critically analyze descriptive statistical data

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Leading Edge Fellowship Program: <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: 9:00pm EDT, March 15, 2023.

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