



ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship

Position Title:	Narrative Research Specialist
Organization:	Justice Action Center
Location:	Remote (based in the US)
Stipend:	\$70,000 in the first year, \$72,000 in the second year
Benefits:	Access to employer health insurance and professional development funds
Start Date:	September 2024

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

[Justice Action Center](#) (JAC) is a startup social justice organization that combines the power of storytelling with impact litigation to advance immigrant justice. We focus on fulfilling unmet needs historically overlooked in the nonprofit immigration space through creative communications and legal strategies that center the needs and experiences of our plaintiffs. JAC's values include impact, creativity, and collaboration. To meet the challenges of the current moment, we welcome and embrace fresh ideas and experimentation across our storytelling and litigation work.

JAC is permanently a fully remote office, with 10 staff based throughout the country. We're looking for a skilled Narrative Research Specialist based in the U.S. to implement strategies that amplify otherwise overlooked immigrant issues.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

JAC seeks a Narrative Research Specialist to join its Communications Department. We are searching for a sharp, creative, and curious individual to strengthen JAC's storytelling and research capacities in pursuit of immigrant justice. The Specialist will be supervised by the Communications Director and work closely with the rest of the department, composed of the Deputy Director and Communications Coordinator.

The Specialist's work will include engaging with JAC's clients and other impacted individuals to create content that centers migrant voices; developing storytelling strategies to support JAC's work; and applying their research expertise to help shape public narratives.

Though working remotely, the Specialist would be fully integrated into the JAC team. As a fully remote office, JAC is committed to gathering for in-person meetings on a regular basis. The Specialist would be able to spend some in-person time with team members multiple times per year, in addition to weekly opportunities for formal and informal virtual meetings with team members. In addition, the Specialist's responsibilities will include occasional travel to the California/Mexico border for story collection. The fellowship tenure is 24 consecutive months, with an expected time commitment of approximately 37.5 hours per week.

Responsibilities and tasks:

Storytelling (35%)

- Work with clients and other directly impacted individuals to help them tell their own narratives to target audiences.
- Develop a story bank for communications and litigation use.
- Amplify the work of our coalition partners and breaking immigration news.

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Narrative Research (35%)

- Research narratives on migration in the U.S. over time.
- Build resources and tools for use in litigation or communications efforts.
- Assist with development of other messaging research projects, including focus groups, polls, and other tools.

Advocacy Research (30%)

- Work with litigators and communications staff to track and explain emerging legal threats to immigrant inclusive measures.
- Develop original research to bring relevant data or statistics to advocacy efforts.

Qualifications:

- PhD in any field of the humanities or interpretive social sciences. Read more about eligible fields [here](#).
- Familiarity with immigrants' rights issues and/or experience with narrative/messaging research.
- Ability to engage with tough questions in a thoughtful, respectful, trauma-informed approach.
- While we know no one person will bring every criterion on this list, the successful candidate should have most of these qualifications. Don't check all of these boxes? This is a communications position—convince us why we should hire you anyway!

Preferred:

- Experience in a nonprofit or advocacy setting.
- Fluency in a language other than English, including Spanish and Haitian Kreyol.
- Experience working with directly impacted communities.
- Graphic design and/or videography experience to create visually engaging content.

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: 9:00 PM EDT, March 13, 2024.

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