

Tenure Track Faculty Position: Assistant Professor - Institute for Society and Genetics

Application deadline: October 22nd, 2021

If you apply by October 22nd, 2021, you will have until October 31st, 2021 to complete your application.

The UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics (ISG) invites applications for a social scientist, humanist, legal, or policy scholar with an innovative research program in the area of public engagement with biology and biotechnology. Our conception of public engagement is broad, running the gamut from law, policy, and governance to science communication, public understanding, and participation. We are particularly interested in scholars working in international or comparative modes and/or who creatively engage issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion through their scholarship and teaching. We are seeking to fill a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor rank to begin in Fall of 2022.

The Institute for Society and Genetics is housed within the College of Letters and Science, in the Division of Life Sciences at UCLA. Its faculty consists of social scientists, biological scientists and humanities scholars focused on innovative, critical research questions that intersect biology and society. Institute faculty members are generally cross-appointed with another department on campus, and develop research programs that transcend traditional disciplinary lines. Current domains of expertise within ISG include: evolutionary biology, gene-environment interaction, metabolism, big data and biology, critical race theory, Indigenous sovereignty, history, philosophy, and sociology of the biomedical sciences, antimicrobial resistance, the carceral state, precision health, and bioethics. Beyond research, faculty teach in the Institute's interdisciplinary undergraduate major (Human Biology and Society B.S. and B.A.) and supervise post-doctoral scholars and other student researchers, and contribute to outreach and public symposia, workshops and other events.

ISG seeks to expand its research profile in the social, ethical, philosophical, historical, or legal/policy-oriented analysis of biology, biotechnology, and biomedicine. Specific disciplinary field is open, but candidates must demonstrate training and research expertise in social science, the humanities, or law. Preference will be given to candidates who complement current expertise of the ISG faculty (see <https://socgen.ucla.edu/faculty/#.core-faculty>) and who demonstrate serious engagement with scientific or technical work or potential for collaboration with scientists and engineers. Successful candidates must demonstrate a commitment to teaching and mentoring students from underrepresented and underserved populations, or demonstrate an interest in campus-wide or departmental programs that

provide research and professional development opportunities for a diverse student body. We particularly encourage applications from women and individuals from ethnicities and identities historically excluded in some institutions of higher education.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or J.D. by the time of appointment. Applicants should submit a cover letter, CV with publication list, a research statement, a statement of teaching, a statement of contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and contact information of three potential letter writers. Candidates may be asked to supply articles or dissertation chapters at a later stage. Review of applications will begin on October 22, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. All applications and application materials must be submitted online via UCLA's Academic Recruitment Online at the following URL: <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF06853>. Inquiries may be addressed to the Search Committee Chair at jwlynx@ucla.edu or the ISG Director at apanofsky@ucla.edu.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy, see: UC Nondiscrimination & Affirmative Action Policy: (<http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>).

More information about this recruitment: <http://socgen.ucla.edu/opportunities/>.